THE prime minister sought yesterday to defuse a re-

newed Conservative revolt

over Europe by promising a "profound look" at the future of the Community

when EC leaders meet at the

emergency summit that he

As the growing ranks of the

Tory Euro-sceptics seized on the wafer-thin French en-dorsement of the Maastricht treaty to declare it dead, John

Major acknowledged that the

cause of European unity had been damaged by the scale of

the French opposition and Britain's forced withdrawal

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French fallout uncovers cabinet strains

Major bids to halt Maastricht revolt

By Nicholas Wood, political correspondent

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settled at 51.05 per cent in favour of Maastricht with 48.95 per cent against and 30 per cent abstaining.
Mr Major's strategy app-

ears to be to wait for the storm generated by the devaluation of the pound to die down in the hope that EC leaders can eventually press ahead with an amended treaty. He will not bring back the bill ratifying the treaty until Denmark has made clear where it stands. It was clear last night how-

ever that Mr Major's search for a compromise will be bitterly resisted by the diehard anti-federalists in his party. James Cran, Tory MP for Beverley, predicted "trench warfare" in the Commons if the prime minister brings back the bill. Lord Tebbit, the

said the treaty had been knocked completely off the rails" and joined other antimarketeers in demanding a British referendum on economic and political union.

The fallout from the French referendum produced renewed signs of cabinet strains. Remarks made by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, at the International Monetary Fund meeting in Washington, were interpreted by the Euro-sceptics as signalling support for a plebiscite. The French referendum has demonstrated the need to consult public opinion to see that it is taken into account." he said.

But Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and Downing Street sources immediately

Lamont had been referring to the British tradition of deciding such matters through parliamentary democracy.

Mr Hurd's remarks are

likely to anger the Eurosceptics, who are increasingly coming to see Mr Lamont and his readiness to accept a floating pound as a potential ally in their battle to force the government to change tack. Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, accused Mr Lamont of returning to the "monetarist and isolationist excesses of Thatcherism".

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary and a leading pro-European, went further than the prime minister in declaring that the Maastricht treaty would survive the present uproar. "The British government treaty, signed the Maastricht treaty, fought an election having signed the treaty, and got a huge majority on the second reading of the bill in the House of Commons," he said on Radio 4's The World at

In an article in yesterday's Evening Standard Mr Major portrayed himself as sensitive to the arguments advanced by opponents of Maastricht, say-ing he had found a battle against those who wanted greater integration and much more authority for Brussels.

vital safeguards for Britain. preserving the freedom of action to stand aside from economic and monetary union. "We are not committed to the goal of a single currency. We can decide not just when to join a single currency, but whether to join at all."

Mr Major insisted that Britain would not rejoin the ERM until its flaws had been put right. It is understood that he wants to see a better system of central bank support for an ailing currency. At the same Continued on page 16, col 7

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Uncertain future: Dr Cox leaving court with his girl friend, Jennifer Green

GMC to decide on doctor's future

By JEREMY LAURANCE

NIGEL Cox. the hospital consultant given a 12-month sus-pended prison senience pended prison senience yesterday for attempting to murder a dying patient, could continue with his career if the General Medical Council decides not to strike his name off the medical register.

Dr Cox, who said that he

was devastated by the jury's verdict, faces an investigation by the council, which controls the register of doctors permitted to practise in Britain.

His case is to be referred to the preliminary proceedings committee, possibly next month, which will decide whether he should be brought before a full public hearing of the council.

There is likely to be a strong feeling among the committee. which includes two lay members, that Dr Cox has suffered enough at the hands of the court and should not be subjected to the ordeal of a further hearing. But the counter argument will be that the public could lose confidence in the profession if the council took no action following a conviction for attempted murder.

"I will need an awful lot of convincing that the public needs protecting from Dr Cox." said Dr Michael O'Donnell, a member of the preliminary proceedings committee. "But the attitude of the two lay members will carry a lot of weight. If they decide we should go ahead it will be very difficult for the doctors to decide otherwise."

If the case goes forward to a full public hearing, the council could reject the court's finding and accept that Dr Cox's primary intention was to relieve pain, not to shorten life. If it finds him guilty it could publicly admonish him, suspend him from the register temporarily or erase his name completely, which would end

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Lamont looks on the bright side

WAS it just gailows humour. or was Norman Lamont, that notoriously dour bearer of bad tidings, actually a happy man?

At first the Chancellor tried to deny all accusations of good humour. When challenged to explain the broad grin on his face at his press conference in Washington, he insisted that he was no more or less cheerful than he had always

But the celebrated pursed lips, twinkling eyes and busy eyebrows gave him away. The British schools, short of funds, say they cannot afford basic books. Extracts other finance ministers were all wearing their usual lugubrious demeanours as they awaited the French referen-dum result. The central bankhave to be photcopied according to an independent ers were looking as solid and upright as tree trunks. So for Mr Lamont, the contrast meant that the game was up.

A Briton, Edip Sadioglu, was among seven foreign Muslims killed in Yugosla-He reflected for a moment. perhaps recalling that British politics had entered a new and via when their convoy was more honest phase after the hit by a shell in the town of devaluation. Then he blurted out his confession: "My wife said she'd never heard me singing in the bath until last Economists have warned

Mr Lamont's sudden cheerfulness suggested that he knew something the world would love to know, but was not telling. That something might have been the knowledge that he would resign on Thursday and return to a quiet life in the Scottish Highlands. More likely, however, Mr Lamont had a card up his sleeve which could transform him from a universal scapeAn enigmatic smile suggests imminent retirement or a cut in rates, writes

goat into Britain's most popu-

The sophisticated way of trying to guess the nature of Mr Lamont's hidden trump card is to look at the Bank of England's dealings in the money market, assess the fluctuations in three-month interbank rates, or calculate the rate of discount on short sterling futures. All these suggest that a cut in interest rates is on the way, but that it may be no more than a paltry half-

Bank of England officials.

Anatole Kaletsky

lar politician in the space of a

The cruder, but probably more reliable, technique was to look into the eyes not only of Mr Lamont, but also of his entourage of Treasury and

If the cheerfulness of the entire British delegation in Washington was attributable to gallows humour, then it was not just the Chancellor but the entire Treasury and Bank of England that was due for the chop. The relief among all the British officials was palpable in every conversation. They seemed to be itching to get back to their desks, to face the brave new world of economic Continued on page 16, col 7

Two killed in blast at chemical plant

By Paul WILKINSON

TWO people died and 15 were injured by an explosion which ripped through a chem-ical plant and office block near the centre of Castleford in west Yorkshire yesterday. The toll could have been higher had not many staff been off the site on their lunch break.

The blast happened at 1.30 pm as a routine maintenance check was carried out at one of the main distilleries of the Hickson and Welch chemical company. More than 100 firemen and 17 fire engines were called to the scene. A number of the injured,

including at least one fireman, were treated for burns. Others were treated for the effects of chemical contact. Some casualties were taken

to Pinderfields hospital in

Wakefield, which contains the regional burns unit, while others went to the Pontefract general infirmary. A number were released after treatment

for shock. For a time residents were warned to stay indoors and remove any clothing that might have been contaminated. It was more than two hours before emergency services were able to confirm that a cloud of smoke over the plant was not toxic.

David Fyfe, managing di-rector of Hickson and Welch, said that the explosion occurred when maintenance work on a tank holding hundreds of gallons of liquid nitrotoluene went wrong. The

chemical is used in making a Continued on page 16, col 1

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BBC drama series provokes wrath of the Paras

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC, accustomed to coming under fire, is now facing the wrath of the senior hierarchy of the Parachute Regiment over a new television drama series which begins tonight. The Ministry of Defence is also displeased.

Lieutenant General Sir Michael Gray. colonel commandant of the regiment, has appealed to Sir Michael Checkland. director-general of the BBC, to intervene over the series which he claims is "grossly inaccurate" and "highly damag-ing" to the reputation of British soldiers. General Gray has sent Sir Michael a list of more than 50 alleged errors and "implausible scenarios" in the series about paratroopers leaving the army and competing for jobs as civilians.

The complaints are directed at Civiles. a BBC series written by award-winning author Lynda La Plante. The MoD refused to have anything to do with the programme when the BBC originally sent a synopsis of the storyline.

General Gray yesterday said he admired the author's previous work which includes the acclaimed drama series Prime Suspect. However, he said the new series gave a bad impression of the Parachute Regiment and of the army.

In his letter to Sir Michael, General Gray said the series came at an unfortunate moment for all the armed services. Under Options for Change, the government's defence review, the army was being cut back by 40,000 by 1995 "and the message to be passed to prospective employers, not to mention soldiers awaiting discharge, is hardly encouraging and quite unrepresentative of the real

The general made his complaint after reading the book Ms La Plante has written on the series. While he appreciated the story was fictional, "by innuendo it reflects much that is objectionable to a soldier and is grossly inaccurate". Since

the aim was to "show a failure to prepare our young men to be civvies", he said it was surprising that there was no mention of the army resettlement courses and other assistance given to soldiers about to leave the forces

General Gray said the Parachute Regiment enjoyed its tough reputation. But the characters portrayed in the series were "over the top". "All the characters are real, I recognise them but they are the exception, not the rule," he said. He has asked Sir Michael "to redress the imbalance". Among the list of alleged errors, the general said karate and kickboxing were not taught to paratroopers as a skill.

A spokesman for BBC drama said General Gray would receive a reply from Sir Michael and the points he had raised would be studied. However, he emphasised that the complaints were made on the basis of the paperback, not the television series, and that Civvies was a fictional drama, not a documentary.



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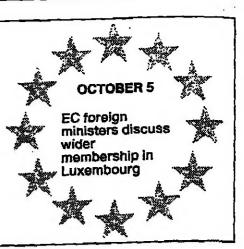


Recall of Parliament









Danes and French give their verdict: one fudge too many

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

FRANCE'S "yes" vote created a brief frisson of excitement among the draftsmen of the Maastricht treaty, who have been forced to watch the fruit of their work battered by critics throughout a long damp summer. But yesterday the euphoria wore off rapidly as the implications sank in.

Since the Danes rejected the treaty on June 2, it has met only setbacks. The hair's breadth majority in France may be enough to save President Mitterrand from premature departure from office, but it is nowhere near large enough to save the sinking treaty. European Community leaders are locked in a pattern of promises to each other that have provoked widespread scepticism and mistrust among their citizens.

Some opposition to Maastricht may subside, but the Danish and French campaigns have left one conclusion imprinted on the minds of the prime ministers who will meet under John Major's chairmanship in October: that Europe's citizens think that the treaty's disjointed compromises are one fudge too many. in New York last night, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, might well have reminded his EC colleagues

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JOHN Smith, the Labour

leader, is expected to fudge

party policy over both Maas-

tricht and the exchange-rate

mechanism in the face of

growing pressure from shad-

ow cabinet members to re-

think the party's pro-

A policy paper which will be

put to the national executive

committee and the shadow

cubinet tomorrow is likely to

favour a system of stable or

managed exchange rates but will not commit Labour to re-

entering the ERM in its

present form. It will call for a

mechanism to guard against

speculators and will support an anti-inflationary strategy

with action to boost the econo-

my. The paper, which was

being hastily drawn up yester-

day, will argue that Britain's

future lies in Europe but that

any decision on Maastricht

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that the Maastricht summit ignored Machiavelli's advice on high-level negotiation: "It is an error for princes to come together in their persons to consummate what their enoys have failed to do."

But Mr Hurd was much more likely to have given his counterparts a recital of other business that the Community can tackle, irrespective of the chaos over Maastricht. Most EC governments are sure that this is a diversionary tactic to distract attention from ratification headaches in London. The traffic of meetings, min-

THE TREATY

utes and messages between EC chanceries, which always precedes a summit, will revolve around one question: can Maastricht be railroaded through all 12 states with only cosmetic changes — or must we all think again?

The idea of reopening the treaty, defined as 250 pages of text and 17 protocols, fills most governments — except the British and Danish - with horror. In a renegotiation, Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, might feel unable to agree the programmed disappearance of the mark.

LABOUR

after the Danish position be-

Mr Smith's determination

to paper over the cracks in the

party and avoid confrontation

coincided with further public

statements from his shadow

David Blunkett, shadow

health secretary, called for

Labour to change the empha-

sis of its policy, while John

Prescott, shadow transport

secretary, said Maastricht was

dead and could not be adapt-

ed for the Danes. Bryan

Gould, shadow heritage min-

ister, said the government's decision to put Maastricht and

the ERM on the back-burner

removed any obligation for

Meanwhile Gordon Brown

the shadow chancellor, ac

cused Norman Lamont of

returning to the "monetarist

and isolationist excesses of

Thatcherism".

Labour to press for either.

cabinet colleagues.

Smith prepares to

paper over cracks

His poll ratings are plummeting at home and his coalition is paralysed by morose internal squabbling and fierce attacks from outside.

The Bundesbank has forced the exchange-rate mechanism into a looser and more adjustable framework, breaking out of the untenable French insistence that currencies supposedly en route to merger should not realign. Germany is not scheduled

to finish ratifying the treaty in parliament and senate until early December. Rows there will cross-infect arguments in both Britain and Denmark. With the tide of opposition still rising, Poul Schluter, the Danish prime minister, need be in no hurry to spell out what he wants done to the treaty. The largest party in the Danish parliament, the Social Democrats, is gradually forcing him to line up a long shopping list of amendments. Danes do not like compulsory monetary union, future European defence or Brussels bureaucracy and want to keep control of immigration and welfare.

Britain, holding the EC's rotating presidency, is supposed to draft reassuring "clarifications" to be tacked on the back of the treaty without altering the sacred text itself. In theory, a Danish govern-ment armed with those concessions could have a more user-friendly treaty approved in a new referendum next spring. At the same time, optimists say, the House of Commons would plough on with all-night sittings to ratify the government's Maastricht bill. But either battle can hold up the other and the last state to ratify can wreck the entire treaty by refusing. The system provides a built-in incentive for Euro-sceptics to wait until the last moment to extract the largest concessions.
It is odd enough that Eu-

rope's leaders won't recognise this tangle for the insurmountable obstacle that it is. The British government's failure to draw the obvious conclusion is bizarre. The prime minister and foreign secretary have missed a precious opportunity over the past three months to warn their partners that the treaty has to be truly changed. Ministers are terrified of being caught fiddling with the

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Brussels





The morning after: currency dealers at BZW in the City bring their individual styles to bear on a day of post-referendum trading. Pound slumps, page 17

Lamont warned of risks in new anti-inflation policy

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE government's search for anti-inflationary measures to follow the discipline of the exchange-rate mechanism could ruin its credibility, economists said yesterday.

Norman Lamont announced on Sunday that the government planned to return to using money supply,

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among other indicators, rather than the foreign exchange rate, as the most reliable economic measure. The disclosure was coupled with the suggestion that such targets would not be published.

Last night, the Chancellor's move was welcomed by the so-called "Liverpool Six" group of free-market economists, including Sir Alan Walters, former economic adviser to Baroness Thatcher, in a letter to The Times, they called for significant interest rate reductions, the Bank of England to be independent of govern-ment to achieve price stability,

and for public spending cuts. Professor Tim Congdon, one of the authors of the letter, said on BBC Radio 4's The World at One yesterday: "In the 1980s we attacked growth and money supply and that period, while not perfect, was fairly successful. Since 1987. we have based policy on the foreign exchange, which has been a complete disaster."

However, Professor David Begg, professor of economics at Birkbeck College, London, said that the creation of "secre tive" targets would do little to the government's

Treasury draws up hit list for spending cuts

By PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR

TREASURY officials are drawing up a list of options for changes and cuts in public spending plans throughout Whitehall to meet the cabinet's decision to hold next year's total down to the planned limit of £244 billion.

The new cabinet committee on public spending, known as EDX and chaired by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, held its first pathfinder meeting last Thursday when officials were told to prepare a list of options.
These will be considered when the committee meets next

This follows Mr Lamont's warning in Washington that: With sterling now floating outside the exchange rate proach to public spending will be even more important." Michael Heseltine, Presi-

dent of the Board of Trade and a member of the committee, said yesterday in Aberdeen: "In government, we will now be forced to intensity our search for both savings and expenditure re-straint. We are going to face a difficult public expenditure round, that is already clear." These comments are partly

intended to prepare spending ministers, as well as the public. for some hard decisions since the prime minister has insisted that, unlike past years, there can be no slippage in the total above the limit of £244.5 billion for 1993-4. Some programmes may

have to be cut back to finance unavoidable extra spending on social security, the introduction next April of the council tax and the new system of community care.

Only after next week's meeting of EDX will departments know what they may have to save. The options are expected to include a tight squeeze on current spending, including public sector pay.

The government has come

under pressure from the Confederation of British Industry and the Institute of Directors not to cut spending on capital projects such as roads, hospitals, prisons, schools and British Rail and instead to squeeze current expenditure.

But that would raise difficult political decisions about cutbacks on social security spending, so ministers are wary of

making commitments yet. Defence is expected to face bie cuts both in short and longterm spending. In the last financial year, an extra £530 million was agreed, mainly due to the cost of replacit equipment lost in the Gul war. It is possible to delay further some of the projected equipment programmes such as an aviation support ship for the Royal Navy and the next batch of Type 23 frigates, but the effect on the budget would not be apparent for several

The only real potential for short term savings is in manpower, which accounts for 43 per cent of the budget. Under the "Options for Change" defence exercise, the armed forces are due to be cut by an average of 18 per cent by

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, may have to make do with less than the 2.8 per cent real terms increase

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promised for the NHS in the public expenditure white paper to bring its budget up to £30 billion.

The hospital building programme is likely to be hit and pay for doctors and nurses could be squeezed. Funds for community care to be transferred to local authorities next April are also vulnerable.

Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, is understood to be bidding for £3 billion extra on his £76 billion bud-. 62 billion of which will to fund the larger than expected increase in unemployment. The demand for other benefits, including family credit and income support has also been underestimated.

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Teachers' pay accounts for the largest share of the education budget, and is already certain to be squeezed in the next financial year. A pay freeze could not be ruled out. Planned rises in expendi-

ture on school buildings could also be at risk. John Patten, the education secretary, committed himself only last Friday to maintaining the financial advantages enjoyed by grant-maintained schools, so his options are

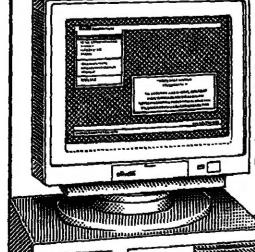


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Split over Europe will not go away

JOHN Major has developed two styles as prime minister - a cautious whip leaving open all his options and a stubborn leader defending issues of principle. The mixture has at times been confusing and has exposed him to charges both of evasion over Maastricht and of inflexibility over sterling.

He has now reverted to his whip's instincts as he faces the collapse of two central pillars of his premiership. sterling's membership of the exchange-rate mechanism and Britain being at the heart of Europe. Mr Major has seemed to lose control over what has been

The initiative has been seized by Tory opponents of the Maastricht treaty, like Sir Teddy Taylor, William Cash, and Nicholas Budgen and the tide of opinion has been running in their direction. Mr Major's immediate response has been to play for time, to reiterate his longterm European strategy

MAJOR'S DILEMINA

For all the prime minister's efforts. the EC remains the main fault line in the Tory party, Peter Riddell writes

while being ambiguous about his short-term tactics over the Maastricht treaty.

There is no sign that he is retreating from his aim of putting Britain on the inside track of Europe. He will use the British presidency, and the emergency council of EC heads of government in London next month, to secure a common approach. He will seek to shift attention to completion of the single market, the Uruguay round of trade talks and relations with the new democracies of eastern Europe, on which the Tory party is united and enthusiastic.

One participant in last week's discussions emphasised that "the clear conclusion of Thursday's Cabinet

meeting was that most ministers would really like to go

back into the ERM". But the Treasury has been cautious. In the short term, this is not a live issue, though there will be a fine balance between the political desire to cut interest rates and the worries of advisers that any cut should not be so large as to risk a further big drop in the pound and higher inflation. Some pro-EC ministers are worried that the change of policy since Baroness Thatcher's resignation could

Mr Major does not want to risk confrontation with party critics at present, Any Commons debate early would be hazardous with Tory opponents of the treaty

be under threat.

gaining support and Labour likely to be obstructive. So he is putting off resolution of the issue until after the London summit and until Denmark has made its intentions clear. Meanwhile, Mr Major

hopes to use the interval to allay public fears over the EC. That leaves open the question of whether this will lead to a more fundamental re-think, which could seriously divide the Cabinet, or will be followed by the revival of the treaty present-

ed in suitably modest form Mr Major faces eventual party divisions whichever way he finally decides on ERM re-entry and on Maastricht. By failing to take 2 lead now, however, he risks leaving Britain squeezed out yet again by a new Bom-Paris axis. To adapt his own phrase about the ERM, Mr Major has discovered that. for all his efforts as Prime Minister, Europe remains the main fault line in the Tory party.

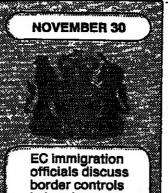
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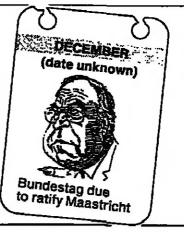
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DECEMBER Before year's end Belgium, Italy, Portugal. Spain expected to ratify treaty



DECEMBER 14 EC finance ministers meet in Brussels

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Summit



France: reluctant assent reveals a fractured nation

From Charles Bremner in paris

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wanted to ratify the treaty," he

from repudiating an institu-

shaped by its own statesmen.

Le Figaro said: "Never again

can anyone say that Europe

was imposed by Brussels, Bonn or elsewhere."

brought any serenity, given

the glum mood of a reluctant

electorate. Rarely has M Mit-

terrand seemed so out of touch

than in his television appearance. Frail from his prostate

operation, the 75-year-old president looked for all the

world like one of the Kremlin

gerontocrats of the 1970s

when he insisted that the vote

had "ensured the future of

France" and anointed Europe

Among the ironies of the

referendum was the way that

M Mitterrand had been aban-

doned by the Socialist-voting

electorate that put him and his

party in power in 1981 and

saved by the wealthier classes

which had voted against him.

This was testimony to a rift

across the geographic and

with force by much of the

countryside and by the north,

the south and the centre in

particular. It was approved

strongly in the east and unex-

social landscape.

Maastricht was

as a new "superpower".

However, the vote hardly

created and largely

FRANCE succumbed to the post-referendum blues yesterday as relief among the main political classes gave way to the realisation that, after weeks of their pleading, the people had really just told them to jump in

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the lake.

President Mitterrand may have survived his game of Russian roulette, as Valery Giscard d'Estaing called it, but France's first direct vote on the European Community delivered a stinging home truth to the government and to the establishment which, since 1957, has "built Europe" in the people's name.

The vote settled at 51.05 per cent in favour of Maastricht

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with 48.95 per cent against and 30 per cent abstention. It threw up a portrait of a France deeply divided between town and country and rich and poor, but in some agreement over its disillusion with its political leaders.

"The Europe which has

been built for 40 years, based on enlightened 'despotism', is over," said Le Monde. "In its stead must come a Europe better controlled by its own citizens." The lesson was acknowledged by chastened ministers and opposition leaders, none of whom betrayed any jubilation over the reprieve for Maastricht which their furious campaigning had extracted from a reluctant populace. France approved the Maastricht treaty, the polls showed, out of a sense of duty and reluctance to destroy the

European ideal. Paul Quilès, the interior minister, took a pragmatic approach, saying the tiny mar-gin did not matter. "When you win, you win. What history will record is that the French

pectedly in Brittany. It was XXXX approved in most big towns and above all in Paris. In the fashionable Left Bank, the ritzy 16th arrondissement and the chic suburb of Neuilly sur-Seine, the approval rate topped 70 per cent.
Rejection came most heavily

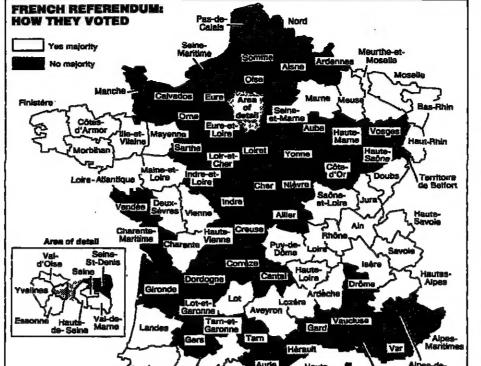
from the "disinherited": the peasant farmers, workers and small shopkeepers, a force which increasingly supports the populist right and to a r extent the Communists and the "Bonapartist" left, grouped around Jean-Pierre

The petit out of half a million out of 38 million eligible citizens saved France We are confronted with two profoundly unreconcilable Frances," said Le Quotidien de Paris. "The side which said 'no' rejects traditional political recipes. It is in revolt."

Despite all the talk of noth-ing being the same again after Maastricht, the parties seem intent on closing ranks for a traditional battle in the run-up to parliamentary elections, due next March. The opposition, split by quarrels over Maastricht, is expected to mount a parliamentary vote of censure against the government. M Séguin and Charles Pasqua, the Gaullist dissidents, have pledged their loyalty to M Chirac as the party's presidential candidate, though their hands are greatly strengthened because only 26 per cent of party supporters

The big question concerns M Mitterrand's intentions. Despite the opposition disarray, few expect him to dissolve parliament, given that the referendum confirmed the collapse of Socialist support.

Nicholas Ridley, page 14 Diary, page 14 Leading articles and



FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS

THE only real surprise in the barrage of percentage, slide and swing figures to hit France in the wake of the referendum came from Brittany. If the farmers in France's most westerly region had voted like their fellows in other agricultural areas, the Maastricht treaty would today be in shreds.

But the four departments in Brittany backed European union 60 per cent to 40. Loire-Atlantique, traditionally a part of Brittany but which falls outside the official borders, also bucked the national trend. Fifty-seven per cent there voted "yes".

The scores in other departments reflected the levels for unemployment and agricultural activities. The more farmers there were, the more people on the dole are unsure of their jobs, the higher the

Nowhere was this more evident than in Paris. In the increasingly wealthy capital, 63 per cent threw their votes behind Maastricht.

But in the "red beit" of council highrise housing that rings Paris, there was a clear alienation from the political process. Bobigny, Aubervilliers, La Courneuve and Stains voted "no" with more than 60 per cent.

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Outside Paris, canyons emerged between towns and the surrounding countryside. Caen backed Maastricht 61 per cent to 39 per cent, but its Calvados department gave a

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slender majority to the "no" side. Chartres registered 54 per cent in favour, the department rejected the treaty by the same proportion. Château-Chinon, where

President Mitterrand traditionally casts his vote, backed Maastricht 59 per cent. The Nieve department that encir-des it rejected it by 51 per cent. Thirteen regions voted "no": Picardic, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur and Haute-Normandie with more than 55 per cent. Nine areas voted "yes": Alsace and Brittany with more than 60 per cent.

Corsica, in a predictable and rebellious gesture towards Paris, voted "no" with

Struggling lira forces Rome to slash public spending

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE lira remained under pressure yesterday in spite of the "yes" vote in France as the Italian government braced itself for a wave of unrest over its

tough 1993 budget package.
"There is a lot of turbulence
in the markets after the referendum," one Milan merchant banker said. "The outlook for the economy is still not that good. The feeling here is that

the lira has not been devalued enough." The lira was quoted at 840 to 843 to the German mark yesterday compared with 841 on Friday, reflecting disappointment at the narrow "yes" and concern over the structural weakness of the economy. There was a timid rally on the Milan bourse, where the share value index

rose by 1.7 per cent. Giuliano Amato, the prime minister, expressed deep relief over the "yes" vote, which gave

TALY him considerable respite in the battle to chip away at the £70 billion budget deficit. Trade union leaders, however, have threatened a wave of four-

test at the 1993 budget package approved by the cabinet on Thursday. Italians have been anxiously reading the small print of the package, published on Satur-

hour strikes for today in pro-

day, discovering some unasant surprises, especially over the extent of cuts in the national health service. Everyone with an income of at least 40 million lire (£18,000) a year will have to pay for all but emergency health treatment. Interest from government bonds, one of the most popu-lar forms of investment for small savers, will be taken into

account in assessment of eligibility for health care.

minister, said in Washington on Sunday that the lira would not return to the exchangerate mechanism today nor was it likely to do so soon. Figures released yesterday showed inflation at its lowest level since November 1988.

Signor Amato believes that only the fear of being perpetu-ally relegated to the second division of Europe will persuade Italians to make sacrifices to prevent the country sinking in public debt.

Pressure grows for EMU opt-out

AFTER the close "yes" victory in France and a week of currency turmoil in Europe, a growing all-party lobby in Germany is demanding that parliament be given the power to opt out of European mone-tary union. While Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, now wants urgently to press on with ratification, support is gathering for those who want to slow down the planned introduction of EMU by the end of the century.

Britain has been granted an opt-out clause in the Maastricht treaty, and some German politicians are pursuing a similar option. Björn Eng-holm, the leader of the Social Democratic opposition, said that the turbulence of the money markets showed that the optimum of stability has not yet been reached" and therefore there should be no question of automatically moving ahead with EMU. He suggested that there should be an intermediary stage with the national parliaments having a final say on the time to move

More and more Germans want the same escape clause on monetary union that Britain was given, Ian Murray writes

Count Otto Lambsdorff, the leader of the Free Democrats, parliament.

minister and former Christian Democratic Union general secretary, has also questioned the wisdom of going ahead with EMU as planned. Herr Rühe, who sees himself as a future chancellor and who has a good feel for grassroots opinion, is counselling caution, although not yet quite calling for a parliamentary

That view is shared by

the junior partner in the ruling coalition. He said the planned automatic transition to a common European monetary and currency union should be reviewed and any entry into the further stages of monetary union ought to be subject to a new decision by Volker Rühe, the defence

right of veto.
The direction of Mass-

tricht is still right," he said.
"The speed of it will depend not be surrendered." on how fast we can solve the problems. You cannot artifi-

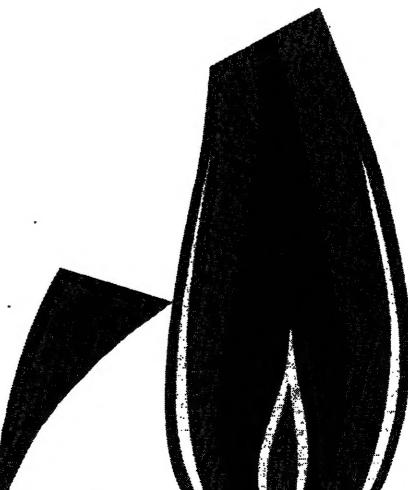
cially create a European An opinion poll for television yesterday showed that Christian Democrat voters were more opposed to the Maastricht treaty than supporters of the Social Democrats. The European union ideas were backed by 39 per cent of Christian Democrats compared with 52 per cent of Social Democrats. Herr Kohl, welcoming the

French referendum result as "a boost for Europe", promised to ratify the treaty and work for enlargement of the Community. But he also said: "We must learn from the experiences of the past week, talk about possible causes of

He said he had asked John Major to ensure that at next month's special EC summit there would be discussion about the future development of Europe. "It is important for all German citizens to know that in the [European] political union, the identity of the Germans and the French will

mistakes and remedy them."

The first reading of the bill on German ratification of the Maastricht treaty will go before the Bundestag on October 7. Two constitutional changes, giving foreigners the right to vote in local elections and making it possible for a Euro-pean central bank to take precedence over the Bundesbank, are necessary before ratification is possible. Both require a two-thirds majority of Bundestag members. The Bundesrat (upper house) has made its necessary support to these changes conditional on another constitutional change, which will give the *Lander* (states) the right of consultation and veto over any legislation which transfers power to



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'Nons' make the Danes feel great

By PETER MILLAR

THE sign for the Baltic ferry on the motorway outside Copenhagen is intended as an advertisement: "Gedser-Rostock," it reads, "the fast lane to Europe". The irony is not lost on the passing citizens, who are - either pain-

DENMARK

fully or proudly - aware that their vote started the division of the European expressway into a slow and a

The narrow "yes" vote in France's referendum has been greeted in Denmark with something like relief. Pia Kjaeresgaard, the rightwinger whose Progress Party was a pillar of the opposition to the Maastricht treaty. said: "Naturally we are sorry that there is a little majority for 'yes', but there is also a big 'no'. I do not think the treaty can go ahead as it is.

Our hopes are for Great Britain now. Maybe Mr Major will have a referendum and the British people will give a very big 'no'." After the recent turmoil,

whatever now happens to Maastricht, the Damsh view can no longer be portrayed as an aberration. In Copenhagen, exhilaration that the mouse that roared could frighten the ruling elite in Brussels and, more to the point, at home, had turned into anxiety that isolation from the mainstream might

not be so splendid after all. Denmark, like Britain, has long been uncertain whether it is part of the continent or an appendage. The upgrading of the ferry link to Rostock after German unification was intended to widen access to the "mainland" beyond the "corridor" of the Jutland peninsula. But the anti-immigrant violence in the eastern German port has



Kjaeresgaard: looks to Britain to say 'no'

not made it an attractive gateway. It has also fuelled doubts about integration in a structure in which the old enemy is the dominant force. According to Mrs Kjaeresgaard, an end to the dream of European union could facilitate the incorporation of the other Scandina-

vian countries in a Community that is in effect little more han a free-trade organisation. That is also the goal of the opposition Social Democrats, whose policies on Europe would amount to abrogation of the Maastricht treaty — the one point of agreement between the left and the far right in Danish politics. John Major's declaration

that the Danes' problems must be solved before a full ratification of the treaty is seen not so much as a challenge as being let off the hook. Toger Seidenfaden, a television executive and "The British have taken the pressure off. As long as Mr Major is making nice noises and saying we must sort our problems out first, then we have no risk of being isolated. What was just our problem has become as much a

problem for the 11 others."

CAROL LEONARD ment shared responsibility NWII.

guilty of murder

Snooker star's father

Ronald O'Sullivan, father of the teenage snooker player Ronnie O'Sullivan, was jailed for life yesterday after being convicted at the Old Bailey of stabbing a man to death

during a party at a London nightclub. Friends of Bruce Bryan, the victim, cheered as the murder sentence was passed. Opposing factions in the public gallery traded abuse and police were called in to restore order.

O'Sullivan, a book trader of Chigwell. Essex, was also in the public for the

O'Sullivan, a book trader of Chigwell. Essex, was also jailed for ten years concurrently for wounding Mr Bryan's brother Kelvin at the time of the murder at Stocks club, Chelsea. He denied both charges. The court was told that O'Sullivan and a fellow book trader had drunk a lot of champagne, were loud and were looking for trouble when the Bryan brothers joined a party of women who were at the club to celebrate a businesswoman's birthday.

Mr Justice Hobhouse told O'Sullivan: "This was a very unpleasant attack which included elements of racial harassment and quite gratuitous and disproportionate violence. Your conduct was inexcusable. Drink is no excuse for any offence."

Two Dutch balloonists were rescued by helicopter after

Two Dutch balloonists were rescued by nearcopier after ditching in the sea at the end of the first transatlantic balloon race. British balloonists Don Cameron, of Bristol, and Rob Bayly, of London, landed safely on the Portuguese coast to come second, eight hours behind the winning Belgian team, who travelled 2,580 miles in 115 hours. The

Dutch, who were trapped in heavy rain clouds and strong

winds, were the second team to ditch during the five-balloon race. The Germans were forced down on Saturday after running short of fuel. The Americans, after drifting too far south, were reported 350 miles west of Gibraltar. The race started from Bangor, Maine, last Wednesday.

A man who admitted being naked on Wimbledon Common

was fined £200 yesterday. Wimbledon magistrates were told that a woman had seen Colin Stagg, 29, of Rochampton, southwest London, wearing only sunglasses. Graeme Wood, for Stagg, said that the offence had no connection with the murder of Pachal Michell who was need and and architect.

murder of Rachel Nickell, who was raped and stabbed to

death in July while walking on the common with her two-year-old son. Scotland Yard said that it would take no

further action against Stagg. Last week, more than 700 people responded to a police appeal for information after two videofit images of a suspect were shown on the BBC's Crimewatch UK programme.

The convicted fraudster Peter Clowes failed yesterday to

overturn a High Court ruling that he is liable to meet a damages claim by the trade department and must make a £6 million interim payment. The Court of Appeal rejected his claim that the ruling was flawed. Clowes, 49, who is serving

a ten-year jail term, was alleged to have cheated investors in

Clowes appeal fails

Indecency man fined

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Women found dead in forest had been shot and stabbed

BY DAVID YOUNG

POLICE in Australia are expected to confirm today that the second body found in a forest south of Sydney is that of the British tourist Caroline Clarke, 22. The first body has been formally identified as that of her travelling companion Joanne Walters, also 22.

Miss Walters was identified by her dental records. Miss Clarke's dental records have since been sent to Australia.
Police said that Miss Walters had been repeatedly stabbed in the chest, the other woman had been shot in the head.

Miss Walters' parents, Ray and Jill Walters, had been in Australia for a month search-ing for their daughter. Ian

Danger on the road to adventure

By ALICE THOMSON

EVERY year 200,000 Britons and go abroad in search of adventure, according to STA. the student travel agency. Like Joanne Walters and Caroline Clarke, these backpackers want to see the world on a

budget and have a good time. Backpacking is seen as one of the few safe highs left. But is it safe? Miss Walters and Miss Clarke are not the first British backpackers to be killed this year. Four Britons were murdered in Angola in January. Susan Kirkby, from Doncaster, was shot and wounded in Sydney in May. and Jonathan Farmer was hacked to death as he jogged

on Lamu island, Kenya. Polly Davies, who runs Marco Polo, a travel advisory service for women in Bristol. believes that women can travel safely anywhere if they follow

her "three Cs". ☐ Common sense: at home through a dark alley or go into a pub in your bikini — do not do it abroad. Carry valuables in a moneybelt and padlock your pack. Have the necessary inoculations and leave an itinerary at home.

☐ Compromise: abroad, follow local customs. In Kenya, for instance, women do not go into bars alone unless they are

prostitutes.

Confidence: if you expect people to grab your money or try to rape you, you will appear nervous and attract more

Clarke, 58, and his wife Jacqueline are now preparing to travel to Sydney from their home near Hexham. Northumberland. They were told of the discovery of the bodies as they drove home from a wedding in Surrey.

Mr and Mrs Walters, from Maesteg, Mid Glamorgan, had been travelling in New South Wales and had appeared on Australian television appealing for information about the women.

Mr Clarke will travel to Sydney once identification formalities have been completed. He said: "We have given up hope of seeing our daughter alive again. The body of Joanne has been confirmed. so we are 99 per cent sure the

other body is Caroline. "We will be flying out to bring her home and lay her to rest finally and try to rebuild our own lives." Mr Clarke, northern director for the Bank of England, said: "We were told about the discovery early on Sunday morning when our community policeman called me on my carphone and told me to pull over.

"He said the police in Australia had found two bodies. It was such a harrowing experience, you can't imagine what we have gone through. Two minutes later we heard it on the car radio; at least we

were spared that." Professor John Hilton, director of the Institute of Forensic Medicine, told a news conference in Sydney that scientific evidence indicated that both victims died around the time that they were last seen, in April. A cloth around the mouth and neck of Joanne Walters suggested that a gag had been used.

The women were last seen alive on April 16, when they left a Sydney hotel saying that they were going fruit-picking in southeastern Australia. They withdrew A\$200 from a bank account the next day, but the account has not been used counted reports that the girls were the latest victims of a

bushland serial killer. The bodies were found 50 yards apart in the Belanglo State Forest near Bowral, New South Wales. One was under a rocky ledge, the other covered with brush. One was found by a man taking part in an orienteering event and the

other by police searching the area the following day. The women arrived in Australia separately last year and began travelling around the country together after meeting



Norma who? The prime minister's wife shows her security pass to police at the entrance to Downing Street yesterday after officers guarding against imposters slipping into Number 10 failed to recognise her

Solicitors prepare to fight as fees plan is unveiled

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE long-running dispute between the Lord Chancellor and solicitors over fixed legal aid fees horted up yesterday with publication of his planned rates of pay for

magistrates' courts work. The rates, produced by management consultants Price Waterhouse, have been provisionally accepted by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, for implementation by the end of the

Fixed fees are intended to secure greater control over the growing legal aid bill as well as quicker payment for

In the case of guilty pleas, paid £143 in London and £127 outside it: for not-guilty pleas, £255 in London and £216 outside it regardless of how much work is done, up to

set limits (see table below).

The Law Society said it would oppose the rates "with the utmost vigour", and has called a meeting of local society representatives for Oc-

Chris Over, of the Devon and Exeter law society, said his members would attend the meeting urging strike and that the Lord Chancelior should be taken to judicial review. In his area, most solicitors pulled out from the duty solicitor scheme from March to September and had re-joined only pend-

ing yesterday's proposals. To what extent solicitors are prepared to fight the proposals is uncertain. Only a few local law societies indicated their willingness over the past few months to take industrial action by withdrawing from local duty solicitor schemes.

The proposal replaces the present system of payment by hourly rates. Instead, solicitors are paid a fixed fee depending on the kind of case. There are

Case type and band

two bands of fee: a lower one for the cheaper 70 per cent of the next 20 per cent. The top 10 per cent will be assessed by the Legal Aid Board as now.

Robert Winstanley, of the society's courts and legal services committee, said yester-day that the proposals, while emphasising cost control, did not make it easier for solicitors to represent their clients prop-erly at a time when the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice was concerned about ensuring quality representation for defendants.

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Vitamin IQ claim challenged

By CRAIG SETON

A COMPANY manufacturing multi-vitamin and mineral supplement tablets misled parents into believing that they would increase the IQ of their children. Shrewsbury magistrates were told

yesterday. Larkhall Natural Health, of London, the makers of Tandem IQ tablets is facing three charges brought by Shrop-shire trading standards offi-cers under the Trade Descriptions Act. Six scientists who have conducted studies into the effect of vitamins and minerals on the intelligence of children are to give evidence. Larkhall is accused of sup-

vitamin C and 30 vitamin and mineral tablets, costing £4.55, with a false indication fof the general and widespread effectiveness of the product in increasing the overall intelligence quotient of children". Robert Spencer, for the prosecution, said that "there

may be a small minority whose diets are poor and deficient in specific minerals and vitamins and who could, possibly, benefit from supplementation in terms of increasing IO. However, it is quite clear that supplementation cannot increase the IQ of children regardless of their existing nutritional status."

Mr Spencer said defence witnesses would say that the link between supplementation and IQ was a high probability.

The hearing continues

the Barlow Clowes investment group of an estimated £113 million. He is to appeal against conviction. The trade department paid investors compensation of £150 million and seeks the return of £19.8 million relating to their losses

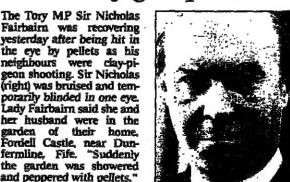
for any offence."

with Barlow Clowes and Parmers before its takeover by the off-shore Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers. Plea on juvenile crime Police chiefs are calling on the government to consider a new form of institution similar to the former approved

schools to handle the rising number of child criminals. Establishment of a "halfway house" institution offering something in between community-based supervision and full prison will be advocated today at the annual conference of the Police Superintendents' Association. in Blackpool, by Chief Supt Edgar Day, the body's president, in a speech to delegates and Kenneth Clarke, home secretary. Yesterday, Mr Day, a Hampshire officer, said that an increase in young offenders, whose ages seemed to be falling necessitated such institutions for those between 14 and 18.

MP hit by gun pellets

Fairbairn was recovering yesterday after being hit in the eye by pellets as his geon shooting. Sir Nicholas (right) was bruised and tem-porarily blinded in one eye. Lady Fairbairn said she and her husband were in the garden of their home, Fordell Castle, near Dunfermline, Fife. "Suddenly the garden was showered and peppered with pellets."



Mary : ..

More BBC cuts feared

Sir Michael Checkland, the BBC's director-general, sought yesterday to allay fears of further job cuts in an interview broadcast to staff on closed-circuit television. The BBC announced 1,250 job losses on Friday. Staff believe that the a scheme allowing programme making to be put out to tender will hit departments. The interview was conducted by John Humphyre Preserved. John Humphrys. Roger Bolton, of the broadcasting union Bectu, said: "Sir Michael seemed to be inviting Humphrys to share an article of faith with him that his fears were unfounded and that it would be all right on the night."

Lightning killed umpire

A sportsman recovering from brain injuries was killed by tightning while umpiring a village cricket match, an inquest was told. Seven players were knocked down when lightning struck the ground at Youigreave, near Bakewell, Derbyshire. As they got to their feet, Peter Hill, 26, remained motionless, face down. Clive Rushton, the High Peak coroner, was told that the accident happened on May 31, five weeks after Mr Hill, an engineer, was concussed during a football match at the same ground. Verdict: accidental death.

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By W. Walsh. Foreword by Dr. A. Williams,

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below today.

London skimps on its GPs

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

LONDON'S family doctor service is poorer than the rest of the country and is run on the cheap, in sharp contrast to the profligacy of the capital's hospital service, according to new research.

Londoners have lower rates of immunisation and cervical screening and are prescribed 10 per cent fewer drugs than elsewhere. If prescribing rates outside the capital were brought down to the London level, the NHS would save

£215 million a year. The capital still has more older, single-handed, poorly supported GPs in inadequate premises than elsewhere, despite more than a decade of effort to remedy deficiencies highlighted in the 1979 Acheson report. A fifth of GPs have patient lists of over 2,500, compared with a national average of a tenth, research by the Kings Fund Institute, an independent think-tank, has found.

The findings show the importance of building up the primary health care service in the capital before hospitals are closed. The Tomlinson enquiry into the future of London health care is expected to recommend the closure or change of use of four teaching hospitals but it is understood to have been

asked to tone down its request for a big boost to primary care. Spending on family health services in London is the same as the national average at

£112 a head, although costs are at least 20 per cent higher and spending on premises is 38 per cent higher. Only half of eligible London women have had a cervical screen in the past five years compared with almost three quarters

Inner London residents re-ceive an average 7.4 prescriptions a head a year, compared with 10 in Birmingham and Liverpool and a national average of 8.1. However, Robert Maxwell, chief executive of the Kings Fund, said the low rate could be a good thing. "I wouldn't want to see extra money pumped into more prescribing but it might give us the opportunity to do other

Baby died after beating opened up old injury

By LIN JENKINS

A PREMATURE baby was murdered by his mother's boyfriend eight days after being allowed home from hospital despite police concern over a fractured skull, the Central Criminal Court was told

Frederick John Feathers, 20, admitted killing four-month-old Harry Gurney. but denied murdering him on October 31

John Bevan, for the prosecution, said Mr Feathers and the child's mother, Joanne Gurney, had reason to be careful with the infant since police had obtained a child protection order while he was in hospital. However, after a meeting be-tween interested parties, including social workers. Harry was allowed home to his mother and her partner.

The child was born in June 1991, seven weeks premature and weighing three pounds. He was admitted to hospital on October 20 with a fractured skull after his mother noticed a lump on his head. Mr Feathers at first claimed the child's twoyear-old half-brother had hit him. However, said Mr Bevan, the older child had been in church with his mother and the injury was too severe to be caused by

Harry was discharged on October 23. A week later his mother ran in a panic to a neighbour asking her to call an ambulance. Another neighbour went into the

flat in Barking. Essex, and saw Harry lying on the draining board as Mr Feathers attempted to give mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Doctors at Newham General Hospital succeeded in resuscitating the baby but he did not survive. A post-mortem examination showed that his brain had bled and swollen, opening up the old fracture.

Mr Feathers told police a vacuum cleaner flex had caught the infant's crib and knocked him the floor. However the jury was told yesterday that he now conceded the injuries were sustained by shaking the baby and throwing him on to

The hearing continues today.

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Lethal injection was betrayal of duty, judge tells doctor

ease her agony. During the

trial, the jury was told that Mrs

Boyes, who suffered from acute rheumatoid arthritis

complicated by gastric ulcers, gangrene and body sores, was

dead within minutes, possibly

even seconds of the injection.

Dr Cox had promised to

make her last hours as pain-

free and dignified as possible.

When all analgesics failed, the

pressure on the consultant to

end the suffering endured by

Mrs Boyes became intense,

the court was told during the

woman's son, said yesterday that the family was saddened by the verdict. "My brother

John and I both feel that he is

an excellent doctor and that he looked after our mother with

care and compassion at all times. Mother was a very

special and caring person. We are sure that she would have

been horrified that her pass-

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David Scott, a fellow consul-

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statements, cuthanasia had nothing to do with this case,"

Sydney Kentridge, QC, for the defence, urged the judge to give his client an absolute discharge in view of the "exceptional circumstances" of the case. But before passing sentence the judge said that deliberate conduct by a doctor

aimed at bringing about the death of a patient required "as a matter of principle to be marked by a term of imprisonment". However, the public

caring man whose only inter-

ests were those of his patients.

saying he is one of the most

committed men in the medical profession. He is frank, forth-

right and totally dedicated to

his job."
Terry Langton, a garage

owner in Dr Cox's village of Colden Common, near Win-

chester, expressed admiration but suggested there were some who resented his "dry wit."

Mr Langton, who has ar-thritis in his left leg said: "He is brilliant. Dr Cox is not stuck

up or posh and will help

anyone. But there are some

around here who do not like

Boyes did. In those circum-

stances, I would be grateful if

someone saw me off with

A professional pianist who was referred to Dr Cox by her

GP was warned she might not

like his approach. "He told me

not to be put off by Dr Cox's style. But his impatient man-

ner was no problem. I discov-

ered he was an extremely

sympathetic and essentialy

nice man. He took a lot of

trouble and time. I like him

and feel sad this has hap-

with the best intentions."

pened. Whatever he did was

Neighbours who once looked after Mrs Boyes spoke of her incredible good humour

despite terrible pain. One said: "She was so cheerful and yet

you knew she was in agony. I

saw Lillian at the door of her

bungalow supporting herself on sticks and she looked so sad

just before she went into

hospital for the last time. It

was a blessed release, she had

Another spoke of her courage. "No one can know what

Lillian put up with. She man-

aged as long as she could. It

would have been so cruel if she

had been forced to endure any

more. You would not let an

animal suffer like that."

suffered so much."

dignity."

his dry sense of humour. "I am sorry he has been dragged before the courts. I would not like to suffer as Mrs

"I have no hesitation in

Patrick Boyes, 42, the dead

seven-day trial.

DR NIGEL Cox. the hospital consultant found guilty of attempting to murder a terminally ill patient, was sentenced at Winchester Crown Court yesterday to one year's impris-onment, suspended for 12

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s say wall falls

Mr Justice Ognall told Dr Cox that his conduct in administering a lethal injection to Lillian Boyes had been not only criminal but also a total betrayal of his unequivocal duty as a physician.

General Medical Council confirmed that the case of Dr Cox would be referred to a preliminary proceedings committee. The committee would decide, possibly as early as next month, whether the consultant should be brought before a full public

hearing.
Dr Cox. 47, said at a press conference that he was devastated by the jury's verdict and the suspended prison sentence for what was a bona fide act that was solely in the interests of Mrs Boves.

"It seems somewhat harsh to criminalise me for doing my best in what were quite exceptional circumstances. This is not a trial about the general issue of euthanasia, but about a very specific and most unusual set of circumstances."

Dr Cox said his aim was and the conviction of a doctor now to get back to as normal a whom she respected and conlife as possible as quickly as sidered a friend." possible. "I cannot yet say tant rheumatologist, who sup-ported Dr Cox throughout the what course my career will take but I will be continuing to see my patients if and until trial, yesterday attacked the there is a hearing by the General Medical Council. suspended prison term imposed by the judge. "In pass-Please let us not forget Mrs Boyes, a brave and patient Justice Ognall has probably lady, and her family who have advanced the cause of eutha-



Patrick Boyes: sad

AN extraordinary bond had

grown between Dr Cox and Mrs Boyes over the years of

He respected her courage

and resilience, she appreciated

his skill, care and directness.

Doctor and patient became linked by affection and mutual

Not all those who came into

contact with Dr Cox were so

well disposed towards the

consultant. Some colleagues

spoke of his brusque manner and unwillingness to suffer

The nurse who reported Dr Cox to the authorities after

Mrs Boyes's death described

him as unapproachable. Fel-low rheumatologists, however,

regard Dr Cox as a leader in

the field, dedicated to easing

pain and discovering new

methods of treating a disease

which caused terrible suffer-ing and left little hope of

Patients also spoke of Dr

Peter Cheeseman, forced to

retire early after the onset of

acute rheumatoid arthritis.

said: "He may give the im-

pression of being sharp but it

is just a cover. Inside Dr Cox is

soft: the brusque approach is a

Mr Cheeseman, 55, said Dr Cox had helped him combat

"The disease gives pain,

pain and more pain. Dr Cox

has made my life more ten-

"Sometimes the agony is so great you can find nowhere to

hide. But somehow he has

"If I had been like Mrs Boyes. I would have been

grateful for a release from the

pain. Witnessing her agony would have hurt Dr Cox too."

measure of his shyness."

'unimaginable pain."

helped me to manage.

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Cox's sharp manner, but praised his skill and caring

fools gladly.

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Bond forged by

pain and trust

Dr Cox's patients sometimes found his manner abrupt, but they came to respect his dedication, writes Bill Frost

been obliged to relive her end jailing the consultant immedby proxy. I hope they will now be allowed to grieve in peace." iately so he had decided to suspend the sentence for 12 Mrs Boyes, who was 70, died at the Royal Hampshire

Mr Justice Ognall described County Hospital, Winchester, the trial as a testing and in August last year after Dr melancholy experience for all Cox injected her with potassiwho had been involved. "And um chloride when repeated doses of heroin had failed to I do not exclude myself.

"From the dock - the most lonely vantage point in the court - there is no doubt that it was a terrible ordeal. The verdict was a personal and professional catastrophe," the judge told Dr Cox. The jury had convicted the

consultant on what Mr Justice Ognall described as "the most clear and compelling evi-dence". The consultant had allowed his distress over the suffering endured by Mrs Boyes in her last hours to overcome his professional duty. "Such conduct can never be legally excused. However, plained," the judge said.



Honeymoon tragedy: Carol. 19, and Raoul German, 31, who died in a helicopter crash in Hawaii last week, five days after their wedding. Mrs German, formerly Carol Shawcroft, from Southport, Merseyside, was married last week in Los Angeles. She and her Mexican husband were among seven people killed when a helicopter on a trip to Maui ran into poor visibility and crashed into the extinct volcano Haleakala

Specialist criticised at inquest

A GYNAECOLOGIST Was accused yesterday of using "a wholly inappropriate" procedure on a patient who died after surgery at a private hospital (Alison Roberts writes).

An inquest at St Paneras coroner's court. London, into the death of Rose Silverman. 49. heard Albert Singer defend use of fibre optic tubes in a second operation after a hysterectomy he had performed at the Portland Hospital, central London, had caused complications.

Simon Taylor, for Mrs Silverman's widower, suggested in cross-examination that the blood-poisoning that killed her arose from her bowel being punctured by surgical instruments that should not have been used. Michael Silverman said that a lack of equipment had forced doctors to move his wife to University College Hospital.

Dr Singer, who also has a health service practice at the Whittington Hospital, north London, said that he and his colleague were sure their instruments had not punctured the bowel. The patient had not wanted further major surgery.

The hearing will continue



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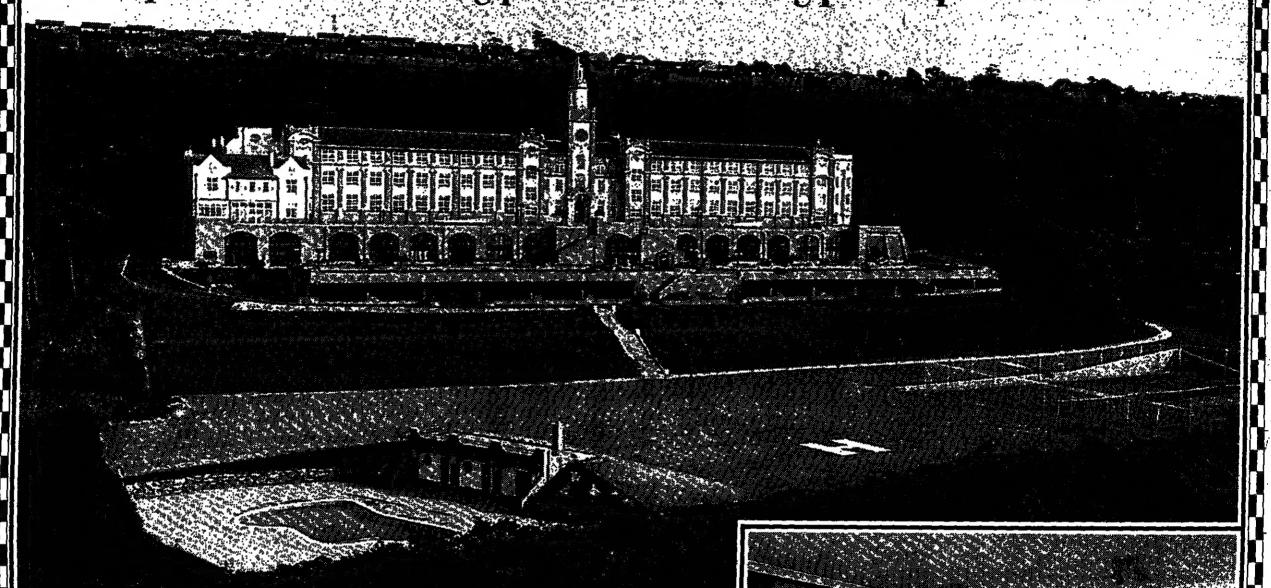
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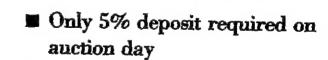
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GEORGE Carman, QC, one of Britain's leading libel lawyers, was accused yesterday of being "cruel and cowardly" and of behaving like a stand-up comic in a music hall act.

His adversary, Richard Hartley, QC, used his closing speech in the libel action brought by Mona Bauwens, against The People, to rell the jury that Mr Carman had been "stage-manager, producer and leading actor" in the

action. David Mellor, the heritage secretary, has been drawn into the case. It was, Mr Hartley said.
"a bit rich" for Mr

Carman to suggest that Mr Mellor in the media. Mr Hartley said: "This had engaged in a public relations exercise, by getting his wife to attend the court, when he was a ringmaster.

Mrs Banwens, whose father is a

member of the executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and chairman of its money-raising arm, is suing The People and its publishers for suggesting that a story printed in an issue two years ago meant that she was not a fit person to be associated with. During the trial,

now in its sixth day, the jury has heard that Mrs Bauwens paid for a holiday in Marbella for Mr Mellor and his family which began one day before Iraq invaded Kuwait.

Throughout the trial, Mr Carman has said that the article was meant to question the political judgment of Mr Mellor in taking a holiday with Mrs Bauwens at a time when he should plainly have been seen to be dissociating himself from an organisation that supported President Saddam Hussein. Mr Hartley

accused Mr Car-'He was prepared man of subjecting his client to a "verto wound but bal mugging" in a afraid to strike' deliberate plan that led to her

being "crucified" attack was "both cruel and cowardly. At no time did he spare her feelings. No stick was too small to beat her

Mr Carman, he said, "sank low" when going through the companies she had been associated with. He had revealed that one of the directors had been exposed as a child molester. Then there were the pictures of Mrs Bauwens, fully clothed and on a bed and sitting on a rocking horse in a leotard. None of these matters related to anything in this action ... It is cowardly because he was prepared to wound but afraid to strike. Lots of innuendoes were left hanging in the

Libel lawyer accuses Carman of presenting music-hall comedy

"Mr Carman is the past master of the wink wink, nudge nudge. It is classic smear tactics in the hope that if you go on long enough something will stick." He added: "Mr Carman had a loaded gun, he knew it would go off. He intended it to go off, and it did go off, and he

hoped it would deutation. It is a verbal mugging you are entitled to when assessing

damages." Mr Hartley said that Mrs Mellor had turned up in court to support her friend. "If she had not been there you might have said she as conspicuous by her absence."
There was, he said, nothing sinister

in Mrs Bauwens paying for the holiday. As for Mr Mellor being subpoenaed and not being called: "Was not that a bit of stage management?" asked Mr Hartley, to ensure the press were at court in force. Mr Hartley said Richard Stott, who

was editor of The People at the time and who is now editor of the Daily Mirror, had "kicked her when she was down" and never apologised. "They have dragged her through the dirt."

After telling the jurors to remember that hey were in a court and not a theatre, Mr Hartley said: "I did not think Mr Carman would be doing a music-hall turn as a stand-up comic. telling you a rather sexist joke about Betty Braddock and painting a rather crude picture of David Mellor bury-

ing his head in the sand like an os-They have trich and exposing his private parts. It dragged her through the dirt' is all good knockabout stuff that had them rocking

in the aisles ...
But I am not going to follow him down that path

Mr Justice Drake, summing up. told the jurors not to be overawed by arguments of press freedom. When they came to consider their verdict, it was possible Mrs Bauwens had been badly bruised as opposed to having lost a limb. The crucial link in the case was whether she should in any way be tainted because of her father's association with the PLO. The trial contin-



Carman: a "ringmaster" in court

Cash shortage 'stops pupils taking home textbooks to study'

BRITISH schools are so short of funds that they cannot afford basic books and end up photocopying extracts, an independent report published

The report, from the Book Trust, said there was a shortage of professional school librarians in England and Wales and that a "bookgeneration was emerging because few pupils read complete books.
Michael Mariand, head of

North Westminster Community School and chairman of the report working party, said: Fewer children are taking fewer books home. That deprives them of the ability to go

over and understand what

they have been studying in the classroom." At a press conference in London, he said he had been unable to provide a £13.99 science book for the school library because of lack of funds, and he had been appalled because he could not give each pupil studying Hamlet a copy of the play to take home.

The report suggested that photocopying had reached un-precedented levels and had become "an interior and expensive substitute for having and using the book itself". Mr Marland said a 13-year-old had stopped him and asked why pupils were given bits of

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Redwood acclaims new tax

By Douglas Broom LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Redwood, the local government minister, launched a counter attack on critics of the council tax, accusing them of attempting to hide the facts from the public.

Addressing council taxation officers yesterday at their annual gathering in Eastbourne, East Sussex. Mr Redwood condemned "pointless and premature" speculation about the level of charges. Council tax will replace the community charge next April, and some commentators have suggested that the system will be bogged down by valuation appeals and that bills will average more than £600.

Ministers initially issued figures showing an average household bill of £400 based on 1991 council spending levels, but Mr Redwood has refused to predict the likely levy. "Predictably, there has been much pointless and premature speculation on next year's council tax levels. But we must not let this prevent us from presenting the facts to the public," he said.

Bureaucracy would be reduced, with one bill per property instead of personal poll tax bills for every adult. Seven million people living alone would be entitled to an automatic 25 per cent discount while grouping properties into tax bands according to market value would take account of ability to pay. Students. student nurses, people on income support and youth training

students would all be exempt. Jack Straw, Labour's chief environment spokesman, said most people who knew anything about the new tax would not believe the minister's assertions. "John Redwood's claims about the simplicity and fairness of the council tax are about as convincing as John Major's promises not to devalue the pound," he said. | cold too.

Hotel rises to club's tall order

By KERRY GILL APART from the possibility of

a trial with the Harlem Globetrotters there is not much going for very tail people. They bang their heads on door frames, struggle to buy clothes that fit, find their feet sticking out from under bed covers and are forced to put up with boring remarks such as "is it cold up there?".

But, as every minority group eventually discovers, there is strength in numbers. Thus the Tall Persons Club of Great Britain was founded and next month its members will celebrate its first anniversary at a hotel in Perth.

Just finding a suitable hotel was difficult enough. Okay, the chandeliers at The Ritz may be high enough to avoid damaged skulls, but that could be rather pricey.

Kate Edwards, six feet, one

of the club's co-ordinators, said: "We questioned several hotels about the height of showerheads, the inside dimensions of lifts, the headroom in doors and, most importantly, the length of beds. We also had to know whether there were any lowhanging chandeliers, which are not good news for us."

The chib settled on the Salutation Hotel A venue in Scotland was considered a must since club members wanted to hold a ceilidh and

enjoy some Highland reels. The club was formed to provide tall people with moral support and advice and to arrange social functions. To qualify for membership, men must be at least oft 3in and women 5ft 10in.

Ms Edwards, of Aberdeen, said: "Far from feeling lofty and superior, tall people are often self-conscious and depressed about their great height. They get stared at a lot. As one of our members says, it's like being famous without the money." And very

books typed on coloured paper instead of the real thing.
The report was critical of the amount spent on books. It said

primary schools spent E9 a child in England, £7.45 in Scotland and £7.60 in Wales when the minimum should be £15.27 and, ideally, £18.39. Secondary schools spent £13.50 a child in England and £13.56 in Scotland and Wales; the report recommended £24.97 and, ideally, £28.97. The report welcomed ad-vances in the national curricu-

lum and local management that gave teachers the ability to decide which books to buy, but said the workload meant they frequently did not have the time to decide which books The education department

said: "Spending on books and equipment rose by 38 per cent in real terms from 1980 to 1990. We have provided an extra £15 million to buy books for the new curriculum." Mr Marland said the edu-

books and equipment under one budget. Schools had to spend large amounts on computers and information technology and had less for books.

The Book Trust may well be dismayed to learn that five books have been banned from a Scottish school after they were deemed obscene (Kerry Gill writes). The books removed from an

approved reading list for pu-pils taking Higher English include The Color Purple by Alice Walker, The Chancer and A Greyhound for Breakfast by James Kelman, Perfume, a collection of short stories by Patrick Suskind, and Cider House Rules by John Irving.
All were removed from the

library of Johnstone High School, near Paisley, after complaints were made by Robert Bonnar, a member of the school board. Mr Bonnar, a former teacher, denied that the ban was a form of censorship and said the books were simply not suitable. Books in Schools (Book Trust. Book House, 45 East Hill, London SW18 2QZ: £4.95)

BOBBY Fischer achieved an

outstanding victory in game

I I of his match against Boris

Spassky, giving him a com-manding lead of five wins to

The game, in which Fischer

played white, will undoubted-

ly go down as one of his

greatest attacking perfor-

mances. Grandmasters watch-

ing the match at the island

resort of Sveti Stefan, Monte-

negro. showered him with

praise. Many said that it was

by far the best game, with

Popovic, dismissed specula-

tion that the American might

have lost his strength after 20

years away from the board.

saying: "Fischer is really Fi-

Spassky had rallied during game 10, holding Fischer to a

draw after three consecutive

defeats. In game 11, Fischer

regained his brilliant form to

win in 41 moves after 5 hours

The opening was a Sicilian

and 41 minutes of play.

One grandmaster. Peter

perfect play by Fischer.

scher again now."

vowed to save a Georgian relic from

ROBERT Key, the national heritage minister, has intervened to save a Georgian street in Buxton, Derbyshire, from continuing decay. The owners, Capitalrise, have been given ten days to put forward a satisfactory programme and timetable for repairs to The Crescent, a grade one listed Mr Key said yesterday: "If

firm proposals are not received by English Heritage by the end of September, we will consider serving a full repairs notice, followed up if necessary by a compulsory purchase order. The repairs notice would not simply specify emergency protection mea-sures but full permanent repairs to roof, stonework and interiors, at a probable cost of

"It is a very important

Victorious Fischer surges ahead

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

defence, a line dating back to

the fifteenth century. But Fi-

scher's seventh move intro-

duced a novel gambit of a

pawn. Spassky defended in-

cautiously on the 13th move,

developing a bishop when he

should have moved his knight.

but the punishment that Fi-

scher meted out for the small

error was hard to foresee.

Fischer's 15th move was a

In the final stages, with the

advantage of rook against

bishop, Fischer's technique

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The final position

black position.

bombshell, launching a be the first playe knight into the heart of the late ten victories.

The national heritage department has further damage, Marcus Binney writes

Decaying splendour. The Crescent, Buxton, whose owners have been given an ultimatum by the heritage department

Minister comes to rescue of crescent

building in a gem of a town. This is a firm statement of intent from the new Department of National Heritage and a precedent for future action." Mr Key said.

The Crescent was built for the 5th Duke of Devonshire by the architect John Carr of York as lodgings for visitors for the new spa he was developing. It began to deteriorate badly after St Ann's Hotel, which occupied the major part of the buildings. was closed in 1989 as a result of hygiene notices served by High Peak Borough Council. Subsequently, the county

was merciless. On the 39th

move, he sacrificed his rook

for Spassky's last dangerous

pawn. When Spassky re-signed, although he was brief-

ly a bishop ahead. Fischer's pawns would soon have been

The next game is scheduled

for Saturday in Belgrade,

where the rest of the games

will be played. The winner will

be the first player to accumu-

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22 exd5+ Be5
23 f4 fxe5 Rxc2
25 e6 Be6
28 Rxc1
27 Rxc1 Kd6
28 Rd1+ Ke5
29 e7 s5
30 Rc1 Bd7
31 Rxc1 Kd7

37 g4 Kc2 38 Kd4 b1=Q

39 Rxb1

triumphant

White Black
1 of 5
2 NG 5
2 NG 8
3 Eb5 g6
4 Exc6 bxc6
5 0-0 g7
6 Ra1 e5
7 b4 cxb4
8 a3 e5
9 xxb4 cxb4
10 64 exci4
11 Bb2 d6
12 Nxxb4 Cd7
13 Nd2 Bb7
14 Ne4 Nh6
15 NTS Bxb2
16 Ncxd6+

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council closed the public library that occupied the former assembly rooms at the end of

The Crescent, after concern about the floor loadings. Gales in 1990 ripped gaping holes in the hotel roof and the district council, realising that winter rain could spell disaster for the interior, sent in builders to take off the slates and secure protective sheeting

directly on to the rafters. Crown Hotels accepted an offer from a specialist in rescuing country houses, but then rejected that in favour of another offer from a newly formed company, the Derby-

shire Trust, which failed to raise the necessary funds. This summer the whole crescent has been fenced off after concern about falling masonry, leaving Buxton with an

A council officer said: "As soon as the windows were boarded up to prevent vandalism, enormous dry rot fruiting bodies developed, the biggest l

The Bank of Egypt, the mortgagees, sold St Ann's last month to a newly formed company, Capitalrise, which had no definite plans apart from a general intention to explore reopening the hotel. Crown Hotels paid an estimated £750,000 for St Ann's Hotel in 1986, but in its present state the district valuer might deem it had virtually a

Talk is cheap

industrial sponsors By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

Desperately seeking

SCIENTISTS whose government grant applications are rejected will be given a chance to raise the money from industry through a new series of "lonely hearts" bulletins.

The publications will list those projects given the highest rating by the Science and Engineering Research Council but denied funding because there is not enough money. In some fields, 80 per cent of such projects cannot be supported. The bulletins are to be

published twice a year by Oakland Consultancy, of Cambridge, with financial help from Norway's largest industrial company. Norsk Hydro. At their launch yesterday, Sir Mark Richmond, chairman of the research council, said that the rejected projects were all high-class proposals.

The projects listed in the first bulletin, on chemistry and process engineering, lack the inimitable style of entries in other match-making publications. None begins: "Male scientist. 28. animal-lover. outgoing and good sense of humour, fond of classical music, seeks industrial sponsor for mutual enjoyment, possible long-term relationship.

But among the almost 150 projects there are some irresistible propositions. A chemist at the University of Edinburgh wants to develop unusual heteroboranes, while a Leeds researcher seeks support to study the surface-induced organisation of discotic

amphiphiles. Michael Zeitlyn, of Oakland Consultancy, hopes that the bulletins will quicken pulses in corporate research departments. "To begin with we are giving them away but in due course will start charging a subscription of £99 for biannual bulletins," he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mother, 17 smothered her baby

A teenage mother ignored her five-month-old daughter's cries as she smothered her. secretly watched by police and hospital staff. Southwark Crown Court was told yesterday.

A surveillance operation was set up when the baby was transferred to a London hospital after doctors in Middlesbrough. Cleveland, could find nothing medically wrong with the child and suspected her mother of causing the breathing problems.

Psychiatrists told the court that the woman, who admitted cruelty, had a mental problem. Judge Marcus Anwyl-Davies, QC, placed her on probation for two years, saying that although the offences were "horrific" it was to her credit that she had owned up. The child is in care.

Parrot charge

A company director accused of strangling his neighbour's £1,000 parrot was remanded on bail at Oxford Crown Court. Mark Leach, 43, of Oxford, and his wife Dolores, 44. also given bail, were charged with assaulting Paddy Williams, a polytechnic lecturer. and damaging his fence and

Girl found

Caroline Courtland-Smith. 13, of St Leonards. East Sussex, who vanished from an amusement areade at Hastings after an argument with her mother on Saturday night, was reunited with her parents yesterday after police found her wandering the streets in central London.

PC remanded

PC William Catmore, 47, of Canvey Island, Essex, was remanded on bail by Chelmsford magistrates charged with indecently assaulting three girls under 16 at Braintree between May 6, 1982 and August 15, 1985.

New Aids cases There were 153 new Aids

cases reported in Britain during August, bringing the total since reporting began in 1982 to 6.431, of which 3,991 are known to have died, the Public Health Laboratory Service

A scheme aimed at encourage ing people to save legal costs by using mediation to settle disputes out of court will be launched this week by the CBI-backed Centre for Dispute Resolution.

Abseiler killed

A 45-year-old man fell 40ft to his death when his safety harness slipped as he abseiled down a crag near Leek, Staf-fordshire, on Sunday, police said yesterday.

Channel swim

Haydn Welch, 34, a jeweller. of Taunton, Somerset, dodged a tanker and floating logs to swim 26 miles across the English Channel from Dover to France in 13 hours 42 seconds at the weekend.

CORRECTION

Two women bank staff who were abducted and robbed (report, September 19) were employees of the Royal Bank of Scotland, not the Bank of

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Serb women force retreat of relief convoy to Muslims

By Tim Judah in belgrade and Our Foreign Staff

A UNITED Nations aid convoy in Bosnia has been prevented from reaching its destination by protesting Serb women and children. The 18lorry convoy made two attempts to reach the area of Srebrenica at the weekend but 150 Serb protesters blocked the road shouting: "No food for the Muslim killers of our sons and husbands."

The convoy, escorted by French troops, was turned back as reports of fighting and alleged massacres indicated that Serb forces are on the defensive in several parts of

In another incident, Edip Sadioglu, a Briton, was among seven foreign Muslims who died when their aid convoy was hit by a shell in the Croat-controlled town of Mostar. It is believed that the seven were killed last

The peace conference in Geneva on the Yugoslav civil war began scaling down yesterday and exasperated mediators told Bosnia's warring factions to stop fighting if they

keeping and humanitarian

operations by providing spe-cial training to American troops and forces from other

In what could be his last address to the world body, where he once served as US

ambassador, Mr Bush said

the US military would start

teaching peacekeeping to all new recruits and would make

ing training and exercises.

He specifically mentioned

the US army base at Fort Dix.

New Jersey, which lies within

easy reach of UN headquar-

ters in New York. "From

Cyprus to Lebanon, to Cam-

bodia and Croatia, the blue

beret has become a symbol of

hope," he told the 179-nation

General Assembly. "As much

as the United Nations has

done, it can do much more."

Mr Bush's initiative was

intended as a gesture of sup-port for the reforms proposed by Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, in his recent "Agenda for Peace", a

special session of the security

council in January. But Mr

Bush did not commit the

United States to earmarking

troops to serve in a UN army

with the task of peace-enforce-

ment, rather than peacekeep-

ing, as Mr Boutros Ghali

asked. He also made no specific promise of material

support to the United Nations.

another special session of the security council to discuss Mr Boutros Ghali's far-reaching

proposals, many of which he

ple. Calling on UN members to take "bold steps", he said nations should develop and

train military units for possible

peacekeeping operations and

available at short notice at the

request of the security coun-

cil." he said, adding that these

standby troops should train

together and co-ordinate plan-

Emphasising the need for

"adequate logistical support"

ning, command and control.

These forces should be

humanitarian relief.

Instead, Mr Bush called for

America offers to

train army of

UN peacekeepers

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

PRESIDENT Bush announced moves yesterday to bolster United Nations peace ing aid and equipment to

main factions - Radovan Karadzic, for the Serbs, Haris Silaidzic, for the Muslims, and Mate Boban, for the minority Croats - were due to depart, leaving lower-ranking negotiators to continue the talks. Late in the day, the Muslim-

led Bosnian government proposed a new constitutional framework for Bosnia-Herzegovina, which would preserve as a single state but decentralise some powers to constituent regions. Mr Silajdzic, the Bosnian foreign posal calling for the republic to be a "democratic, secular and

rights for all its peoples. Earlier, the two co-chairmen of the conference, Cyrus Vance of the UN and Lord Owen of the European Community, told the three factions that unless restraint were shown, "we are not going to have the dimate ... to make substantive progress on items Vance and Lord Owen fly to Greece today for talks with Constantine Mitsotakis, the

prime minister.

prevent harmful delays in the

start-up of humanitarian oper-

ations. He also promised that

the United States, which owes

\$209 billion (£120 million) in unpaid UN peacekeeping

bills, would explore new ways

to ensure that Washington

meets its obligations, but he made no explicit reference to

Mr Boutros Ghali's sugges-

tion that peacekeeping pay-ments come from national

defence budgets. "The United

States is ready to do its part to

strengthen world peace by

strengthening international peacekeeping," he said. Mr Bush also addressed the

problem of the proliferation of

weapons of mass destruction

and ballistic missiles. Mr Bush also emphasised the

economic interdependence of

the world, called for an early

conclusion to the Gatt trade

talks, and criticised "insular"

He threw his weight behind

European economic integra-tion, but said how it was

achieved was up to the

• New York: Milan Panic, the

prime minister of rump Yugo-slavia, caught in a crossfire

between Serb nationalists and

the world community, arrived

in New York yesterday to

plead his country's case at the

United Nations. The security

economic policies.

Muslim enclave. Larry Hollingworth, the representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees who accompanied the convoy, decentralised state" with equal ened and harassed. Mr Hollingworth said: There was a car overturned in the street and a crowd of women and children blocked our route. Many said they had

Yugoslavia, five French UN peacekeeping soldiers in Cro-atia were slightly injured when

an anti-personnel mine ex-

ploded. The incident hap-pened while the soldiers were

on a mine-clearing mission

The disrupted aid convoy to

Srebrenica. 50 miles north-

organised after persistent re-ports that local Serbs had

some 40,000 people in the

near the town of Zadar.

east of Sarajevo,

lost husbands and sons in the fighting and they would not let us through." He added that the demonstration had been organised. "Either the Serbs gave their word Jabout free passage and broke it . . . or the civil authorities in the area are not obeying their central

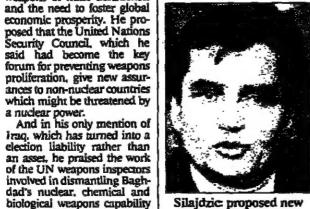
The incident is an indication of the problems the new 6,000-strong UN force for Bosnia will face once it is in place and has begun escorting humanitarian aid.

UN sources said it was not known exactly what was hap-pening in Srebrenica, but it was believed to be under siege. Disclosure that there is a sizeable pocket of resistance to Serb rule in eastern Bosnia confirms that the Serb military position in the area is either far less secure than previously deteriorating.

Bosnian forces from Gor-

azde, which was a besieged town but is now an apparently expanding enclave, are pushing towards nearby Rogatica. The Belgrade news agency, Tanjug, reported yesterday that a further 1,500 Serbs were now in flight from the

Fighting was also reported around Doboj, Gradacae and Bosanski Brod along Bosnia's strategic northern corridor. The Serbs must hold this in order to maintain a territorial link between northern Bosnia. Serb-held territories in Cro-



Bosnian constitution

atia, and Serbia itself.



Silajdzic proposed new

Point taken: President Yeltsin joking with Nursultan Nazarbayev, his Kazakhstan counterpart, during a tennis match in Moscow yesterday.

The leaders discussed the development of special relations between their two countries before a visit to Germany by Mr Nazarbayev

Missiles pound Karabakh city

ARMENIANS feel a trace of irritation when the world is convulsed with horror over attacks on bread queues in

Gohar, a 17-year-old girl who speaks in whispers, was among several dozen people returning from an unsuccessful wait outside a bakery in Stepanakert when a missile fell in front of them. Most of the 26 people who were killed were refugees, like Gohar.

She and her mother had fled in mid-June from their northern Karabakh village after it was laid waste by Azerbaijani tanks. Along with thousands of others, they took "refuge" in the supposed safe-ty of Stepanakert, the capital of the disputed Nagomo-Karabakh endave in Azerbaijan whose ethnic Armenian majority is battling to secrede.

Shrapnel pierced one of Gohar's lungs, and against the odds she recovered from a six-hour operation. The buildings adjacent to the hospital then came under aerial bombardment. But Gohar was too weak to be moved to a basement. The psychological strain worsened her condition and she had to be flown, unconscious, to Yerevan, the Armenian capital, where she is now slowly improving.

Azerbaijan's incessant bombing of Nagorno-Karabakh is driving Armenian civilians from the enclave, Bruce Clark writes from Yerevan

But after barely ten weeks of calm, secured by Armenia's May, the citizens of Nagorno-Karabakh are again being anakert, home to about 30,000 people, faced renewed terror of a level unseen in the conflicts unleashed by the collapse of the former Soviet Union. Fighter aircraft, newly acquired by Azerbaijan, rained down high explosives If the corridor is cut, Nagorno-Karabakh will face another capable of flattening a fivecold and hungry winter. Yesterday, as Armenia cele-brated its first year of indepen-dence, the mood in Yerevan storey building and anti-personnel cluster bombs designed to kill and main. This month.

after at least three aircraft were was one of sullen preoccupation with war and economics. shot down, the aerial bombing has given way to incessant pounding from long-range Living standards have fallen and the conflict with Azerbaiian and the internal strife in field guns, which claim several lives and cause dozen of injuneighbouring Georgia have ries every night.
In the past 48 hours, there combined to deprive the state of vital supplies of gas and has been fierce fighting over the Lachin corridor, a vital grain. Fears are growing over how the capital will survive the harsh winter. strip of Azerbaijani territory seized by Armenia in May to

On Sunday, Azerbaijani planes renewed the bombard-

seven people. Long-range ar-tillery continued to pound the city. Ethnic Armenian fighters claimed that in the past few days they had destroyed 20 Azerbaijani tanks and killed hundreds of teenage Azerbaijani conscripts. But they said that Azerbaijan still had several hundred tanks and hundreds of thousands of troops.

"ethnic cleansing" phase as Azerbaijan, which regards the enclave as its inalienable territory, tries to punish the Armenians fighting for its secession. In Baku, the Azerbaijani capital, pressure is growing to expel all remaining Arme-nians — completing the popu-lation exchange that began in 1988 when about 200,000 members of each community moved or fled to their separate

Officialy, authorities in Baku claim that the bombing of Karabakh is primarily directed at military targets. "The settlement of civilians near such facilities is of a delibarate nature," an official Azerbaijani communiqué states. But both sides are aware

that the objective of the bornbardment is to drive Armenian civilians out of the war zone. At the height of the Azerbaijani air raids on Stepanakert, several busioads of women and children departed the enclave, news of which was reported triumphantly by the Baku media,

and with dismay in Yerevan. The warring sides realise that the Armenian cause in Karabakh could be lost unless some civilian families continue to live there. Social and community life cannot continue unless women are there to cook, gather water, help with the harvest and provide succour. The absence of noncombatants, too, could encourage Azerbaijan to ignore any self-restraint and pound Stepanakert to rubble. Karabakh's civilians, however ineffective a force they may be. provide a sort of human shield

in this dirty war.

analysineria **Nationalist**

advance in **Estonia** Tallinn: Elections at the week-

end in Estonia have produced an inconclusive result which is likely to lead to a weak and divided government (Anatol showing of an entreme nation alist party will be seen as threatening by the 39 per cent Russian-speaking minority. most of whom are disenfranchised as immigrants.

According to provisional results, the largest single group in parliament will be the centre-right Fatherland alliance with 28 of the 100 seats. No coalition can be formed

Submarine fear Stockholm: Swedish coast-

guards fired depth charges off Landsort, on the east coast, for the second time in a week. Microphones picked up signals which could indicate submarine activity". (Reuter)

Vodka cocktail

Prague: At least 25 per cent of Russian Stolichnaya vodka sold in Czechoslovakia is contaminated with dibutylphthalate, a chemical used as an insect repellent, and authorities have ordered the withdrawel of stocks. (Reuter)

Retrial sought

Stockholm: Sweden is seeking a retrial for three Swedish engineers sentenced to seven years in jail for illegally entering Iraq. Sweden insists the three, working for a telephone firm in Kuwait, wandered into Iraq by mistake. (Reuter)

Change of gear Moscow: Mikhail Gorbachev. the former Soviet president, is the latest victim of a wave of car thefis here. His limousine. part of his retirement package. was stolen outside the Gorb-achev Foundation.

Jews to seek coalition against neo-Nazis

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BERLIN

AS THE new head of Germany's Jewish community pledged to build a broad coalition against the spreading neo-Nazi violence, international Jewish leaders meeting in Berlin yesterday condemned, European politicians' response to the rapid increase in right-wing extremism.

council has recommended Racist attitudes are increasingly widespread, but the pol-itical response is inadequate, that it be barred from the UN General Assembly. "I want the world body to said Antony Lerman, director understand Yugoslavia's posof the London-based Institute ition on the issue we are of Jewish Affairs. "The world has been turned upside down accused of," he said. (Reuter)

and the search is on for scapegoats... politicians may quote their public statements of condemnation [of racism] in defence, but the whilf of appeasement is in the air, the readiness to accommodate racist views is present in political life across the continent."

The Jewish communal leaders and academics, meeting in Berlin for a three-day conference on anti-semitism in Europe, gathered as Ignatz Bubis, the newly elected chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, said that he would campaign hard against the neo-Nazis. He declared: "I will make contact with churches, labour unions and political parties to discuss right-wing violence against asylum-seekers and come up with energetic action." Herr Bubis, 65, spoke after being elected to succeed Heinz

link Karabakh and Armenia.

Galinski, who died in July. Mr Lerman said that developments in post-communist countries were especially worrying, with racist violence reaching ed unprecedented levels in postwar Germany. But there was a need to be

wary of glib comparisons between what was happening now and Weimar Germany, between the current neo-fascists and the Nazi party.
But whatever the differences, there is no remorse

among the current right-wing extremists for the Holocaust. In Berlin, a bomb attack damaged the city's Holocaust memorial and gravestones in Jewish cemeteries have been desecrated. Police in the Baltic city of Wismar said yesterday they had arrested four rightwing extremists during attacks

Russian women ignore their babushkas for a slim chance

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

TIME was when Soviet wornanhood stood out defiantly against the Western dictatorship equating desirability with slimness. Grannies would stroke the cheeks of willowy young girls, inform them that they were as thin as death, and then ply them with sour cream, potatoes and sugary goodies until plump vitality was achieved.

The advent of Western advertisements and clothing has rapidly changed that. The image of beauty is one of the most radical alterations in the new Russia as women strive to emulate foreign role

models and fit into imported fashions.

As hemlines descend in Milan and London, they rise here. The underground is full of Lycra mini-skirts stretched as tight as tent canvas over large posteriors. I glimpsed three women studying diet charts and one trying to decipher the instructions on a German meal-replacement

The women's magazine Rabotnitza (Female Worker), which sells 12 million copies across the Commonwealth of Independent States, has latched on to the trend. inviting readers to write in with their slimming cures and preparing to elect its champion slimmer of the year. The prize is a refrigerator. Alla Krasinskaya, the magazine's home editor, said that one of the main probiems for Russian slimmers is acquiring and storing fresh. non-fattening foods.

The cures offered are mainly draconian starvation diets. often coupled with exaggerated claims of success. One 13year-old girl from Chety-abinsk, in the Urals, wrote: "I lost 20kg (44lb) in a month. I didn't eat for the first three days and then I drank juice and ate porridge only easy!" An earnest correspondent from St Petersburg recommended an apple diet consisting of one apple for That's the prize ... not the contestant



breakfast, two for lunch and three for dinner. Nelli P., from Uzbekistan, informed magazine readers that women in her republic

drink their own urine. "It

keeps us thin and makes our complexion smooth." Mrs Krasinskaya, a trim

incarnation of new womanhood, with pictures of Versace designs on her office wall "for dreaming about". reflected that the changes in outlook began when Raisa Gorbachev became First Lady. "Before that, the leaders' wives were stolid and unfashionable. Raisa showed that it was possible to be politically involved but still attractive and fashion-conscious. Now women are a bit disappointed by Nama Yeltsin; she looks a bit like President Bush's wife." She is concerned that the

diet craze will cause health

people think of losing weight as a kind of competition. Very few have any idea about keeping a balanced diet and we already have reports of anorexia among young girls."

• Cairu: Nine million citizens from the former Soviet Union took advantage of new freedoms to travel abroad last year, Russia's leading tourism executive told a travel agents' conference in Cairo yesterday. Vladimir Malinin, president of the Intourist travel agency, said that he expected ten million people from Russia to travel abroad

problems. "Russians have a

tendency to extremes. I see

from many of the letters that

Vatican and Mexico re-establish links

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE Vatican said yesterday it was re-establishing diplomatic relations with Mexico, after a history of state animosity towards the church and periods of persecution of Christians.

Mexico is to send an ambassador to the Holy See and an apostolic nuncio is to be appointed in Mexico City. Mexico severed relations with the Vatican in the 1860s. The country has a tradition of anticlericalism but also a strong Roman Catholic Church. Under the 1917 revolutionary constitution, the church was denied all juridical recognition. In the 1920s there was a

Catholic rebellion in western Mexico. Churches were burnt

and priests hung.
After 1940, a modus vivendi between church and state was achieved: anti-clerical laws were not repealed but were no longer strictly observed.

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The present Pope has been keen to improve ties with Mexico, visiting the country carly in his pontificate, in 1979. Two years ago he made a second trip, and President Salinas de Gortari visited the Varican. Last year, the Mexican constitution was amended to recognise the church and its

Tehran threatens to shoot down aircraft over disputed islands

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

1RAN is prepared to shoot down any aircraft violating its air space as tension grows over disputed islands in the Gulf. according to General Mansur Satari, the air force commander. He said on Tehran radio yesterday that his aircraft were stepping up their watch over the contentious clutch of islands headed by Abu Musa in the Strait of Hormuz, also claimed by the United Arab Emirates. His pilots were ready to repulse any intrusion by mischievous

foriegners".

The air force of the Islamic Republic of Iran will act with greater vigilance," said the general. "Any aircraft violating Iran's airspace will be forced to make an emergency landing or, if necessary, will be shot." The air force commander said all the equipment and spare parts required to keep its planes flying were now manufactured in Iran. These include American-built Phan-toms and F14 Tomcats. In February the general said that Iran had deployed Russian-made MiG29 fighters and Sukhoi-24 attack planes as well as F7s, Chinese versions of the MiG21.

Egypt's semi-official media yesterday launched a savage, overnment-directed broadide against Iran for seizing control of the Arab-owned islands and drew an ominous parallel with Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990.

vincing many Western ob-servers that it planned to use

the island in the shipping lane

oil as a base for three subma-

rines that it is now purchasing

"So let Iran go astray and

violate legitimacy and the law," wrote Samir Ragab, a

close confident of President

Mubarak in yesterday's Egyp-tian Gazette. He said: "But it

has to learn the law-of-the-

jungle eras are long over and that it is not in the interest of

people to stand against the

can take an example from

helped organise the anti-Iraq

coalition] stands with right

and proclaims that the three UAE islands will remain Arab

despite the tricks and vicous

manoeuvres of the Persians."

the weekend it was informed

that Tehran refused to drop its

claim to full sovereignty over Abu Musa. The official Iran-

ian news agency later reported: "Abu Musa will become

one of the most beautiful

islands in the Islamic Repub-

lic of Iran in the near future."

was its 19th province.

its dispatch was datelined

"The coarse Iranian aggres

Another Cairo daily, Al-

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Saddam Hussein.

The attack and a pledge of co-ordinated Arab action coincided with the arrival here for talks of Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan al-Nahayan, president of the emirates, which claims that the islands are part of its territory and declared that it was taking the dispute to international arbitration. Iran has accused the West-

ern allies of deliberately whipping up the crisis, which coincides with mounting concern at Iran's territorial ambitions and acquisition of weaponry. Iraq, meanwhile, has offered to intercede on behalf of the Arab majority from which it has been isolated since last year's Gulf war. The roots of the trouble go

back to the eve of the formation of the UAE in 1971 when Iran dispatched troops to the largest island of Abu Musa and to neighbouring, uninhabited islands called the Lesser and Greater Tunbs. No agreement was reached with Khaimah over the Tunbs, but Britain brokerd a pact with Sharjah for shared control of Abu Musa

Last month, Iran unilaterally reneged on that deal, con-



Al-Ahram's view of Iran's President Rafsanjani



Rocky path: John Lundstrom walking with 508lb of stone in Highland Games at Loon Mountain, New Hampshire. A Canadian beat him by an inch

Clinton begins TV attack on Bush economic record

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BILL Clinton, rocked by the Republicans' assault on his Vietnam draft record, has sharply increased his attacks on President Bush's economic stewardship and begun airing the first negative commercial of the autumn campaign.

Opinion polls show the Democrat well ahead in key states of the Mid-West, the region where Mr Bush must decisively outperform his op-ponent on November 3 if he is to regain the White House. Mr Bush seems unable to find a potent theme to narrow the gap. With six weeks to go, Mr Clinton leads the president by 19 points in Illinois, eight in Ohio and 21 in Missouri states that have voted Republican in all the last three presidential elections. Even in Indiana, Vice-President Dan Quayle's home state where no Democrat has won in 28 years, Mr Clinton and the

president are level-pegging. Yesterday in Chicago, Mr Clinton received the endorsement of more than 400 corporate chief executives. A national poll in USA Today showed Mr Clinton leading Mr Bush by 52 per cent to 36 on economic matters despite the president's efforts to portray him as an old-style tax-and-spend liberal. The previous evening the Arkansas governor had chosen another



gan, to launch his harshes attack yet on Mr Bush's eco-

Speaking in collar, white "Reagan Democrats north of Detroit, Mr Clinton accused President Bush of paying lip service to shipping "the quick buck" and corners and cut deals". Workers in car manufacturing factories had been decimated in the past four years, he said, "but if you take corporations

apart, you're a big winner".

Mr Bush's promised acrossthe-board tax cuts would give a millionaire enough to buy a family enough for a tank of petrol, he said. Having spent four years railing at big gov-ernment, Mr Bush was now "throwing money around at election time like there was no

omorrow".
The Clinton camp has also begun airing a 30-second advertisement in key states that punctuates a damning commentary on America's economic performance with clips of President Bush promising 30 million new jobs over eight years, denying any recession and insisting "the economy is strengthening". The advertisement asks how President Bush could solve the economic problem if he did not even understand it.

A spokeswoman for Bush campaign called the latest advertisement a "diversionary tactic" to distract at-

for

als.

Shanghai Liu takes lid off China's love life

LIU Dalin rummaged in the cupboard and emerged with a small, crudely fashioned pottery boat. He lifted off the awning on the deck to reveal a man and woman, their naked bodies entwined. This is just one piece of Mr Liu's collection of antique erotica.

Mr Liu is China's foremost sexologist, whose book, Searand its nearly 900 pages are name. Even today, Mr Liu is a full of statistics, such as only controversial character. about 13 per cent of people regularly make love naked.

Trained as a sociologist, Mr Liu helped to organise Shanghai's first series of lectures on sex in 1985. Afterwards he received 500 letters telling stories of ignorance and frustration. He decided, against advice, to set up his own research centre. His wife was afraid he would be laughed at, so he agreed to use a pen

He put his survival so far down to a more open attitude towards sex which has developed with moves towards

economic openness, and also

his own caution. There are

things which I can discuss with my colleagues which I couldn't lecture on." he said. Communist leaders claim that, because of ordinary peo-ple's "low cultural level", they

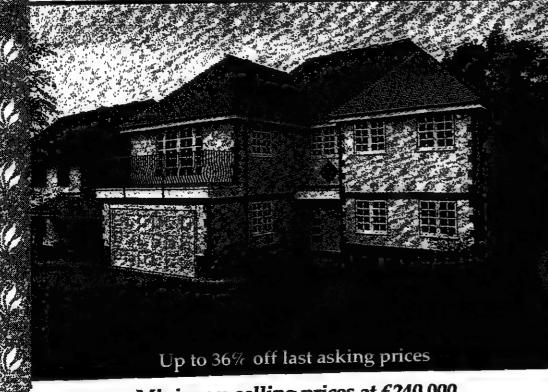
cannot be trusted to make up

sexual. Pornography is on the government hitlist, but Mr Liu suggested that sometimes it can enhance the sex life of a married couple. He gestured at his ornaments, which in pre-communist days were used as sex education aides for new brides. "I can buy these things, it's my work, the police won't arrest me. But for an ordinary person to put them in his shop window

their own minds about things



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We don't need a referendum on Maastricht here

he prime minister would be foolish to hold a referendum on Maas-

tricht. The campaign would spawn wild and exaggerated claims on both sides exacerbating divisions in the Tory and Labour parties. We need reflection, not a slanging match, to reach an approximate national consensus. As the French government only scraped a Yes vote by a whisker it is obvious that a referendum here would be rejected by a substantial majority and humiliate the government. John Major understands that; he should act as though we have already had a painless referendum.

Now is his great chance to end bruising squabbles and respond to the nation's mood. The great majority accept that the single market has huge advantages and wish to remain in it. What sticks in the gullet is the attempt to turn it into a centralised political union ruled by bureaucrats who sincerely believe they know better than we do what is best for us. The Brussels bureaucrats took a hiding on Sunday and they know it. The moment is ripe to impose on them a clear, legal definition of the limits of their powers (subsidiarity) and make them withdraw many powers they have assumed. This has to be done anyway to satisfy the objections of the Danes, without whose consent a reshaped Maas-tricht treaty cannot be ratified. It has to be reshaped, not merely to suit the Danes but half France and possibly more than half Germany as well as other European countries with strong claims to join the

Apart from leaving open our decision on joining the single currency and the central European bank, we opted out of the social charter at Maastricht, maintaining our right to decide our own conditions of work. The ruse by which Brussels has been trying to control them under the rules relating to health must be formally disclaimed.

aastricht references to the improbable dream "of creating an ever closer union among the peoples of Europe" must be deleted. It is clearly not what the peoples of Europe want. The single currency and the central European bank are in the same category and the ERM blew itself up last week. If France and the Benelux countries wish to tle themselves to the German mark that is their affair. The ERM functioning must be completely changed before we re-enter it unlikely for years.

Tory newspapers, prolific in their demands for Mr Lamont's resignation (they do not quite dare to ask for Mr Major's though he and Mr Lamont were as Tweedledum and Tweedledee) should rejoice at their skilful handling of the currency turbulence. It was not wrong to be flexible over interest rates last Wednesday in an endeavour to meet our obligations to the ERM. Happily, it led to our present freedom to allow the pound, like the dollar, to find different levels against different currencies.

Some businessmen, enthusiasts for the ERM until they yelled to get out because it hurt them, now clamour for large interest rate cuts. I never supported our being in the ERM but thought that. In or out, we could not have interest rates much lower than Germany's for fear of large amounts of cash moving from Britain to Germany and pushing the pound further down. As we must continue the drive against inflation and increased public spending or be scuppered, this is still the case. Boldness combined with caution is the Major-Lamont approach. They deserve our backing.

The case of Dr Cox demonstrates exactly how the law ought to work in a humane society, argues Janet Daley

The doctors' dilemma The jury who tried Dr Nigel Cox were scarcely less wracked by their moral dilemma than the man they had in the dock. What does it mean, after all, to do right? The question physician". This was, in his own goes back to Plato but now it

word, "unequivocal" and it clearly usually takes the form: is acting precluded deliberately causing a morally the same thing as acting patient to die. legally? And if not, does that mean that there is something gravely

He returned several times in his remarks to Dr Cox's "clear duty" as a doctor, opposing it to his understandable distress as a friend and, presumably, a fellow human being, at the sight of Mrs Boyes's terrible suffering. The judge was, in other words, suggesting that Dr Cox's role as a professional was to be seen as quite separate from his inclinations as a private person. If inclinations as a private person. If he was to behave legally, he might well have to forgo his own personal moral impulses.

There is nothing remarkable about this. Such an assumption is fundamental to the rule of law in what Plato would have called a just state. An objective set of rules which we all agree to accept even when they occasionally go against our inclinations, is necessary for

any ordered society. And one of the rules with which we are most reluctant to tamper is the one which says that it is wrong to kill

But the defining of a doctor's role as being to preserve life at all costs has been superceded by technology. Since it is now possible to perform miracles un-dreamt of by Hippocrates, we have legally recognised that the prolonging of life by relentless medical intervention is unacceptable. Not only may the incurable be permitted to die peacefully but the relief of suffering may even be given a higher priority than life itself since pain-relieving drugs which hasten death are perfectly legal. Dr Cox's crime was that the drug which he gave to Mrs Boyes could not have been intended to

do anything but end her life. Potassium chloride is not a pain-killer and therefore, in administering it. Dr Cox was neither preserving life not relieving suffering. All that he was doing was killing his patient. But when suffering cannot be stopped by even the largest doses of painkiller, how are we to interpret a doctor's professional obligation to relieve it? When a life consists of nothing but hopeless suffering, does the doctor's moral responsi-

bility become the releasing of a

patient from that life? The fact that the courts, in the person of particular hapless jurors, are left to muddle through such horrific questions while the law speaks in grand inhuman generalities, does not mean that the system has failed. To declare, as the jury did, that Dr Cox was guilty of attempted murder was unquestionably correct, not only in a flat-footed semantic sense but in a moral one. The fact that they wept while they did so does not contradict the soundness of their judgment. And it was quite wicked for advocates of enthanasia to have stated that the jury should be ashamed of their verdict. For the judge to further declare that Dr Cox had been in clear breach of his duty as a physician, but then to minigate that judgment with obvi-ous compassion and leniency does not make the law or the morality it

represents an ass.
On the contrary, this is precisely how the law ought to work in a civilised society. To accommodate individual circumstances without corrupting basic principles, is an absolutely sound basis for a humane system of justice. It has its roots in John Stuart Mill's reformed brand of utilitarianism. Mill saw that the crude equation of morality with "the greatest happiness of the greatest number" was open to absurd abuse. Imagine a society consisting of ten

people, eight of whom are sadists whose happiness will be most effectively maximised by torturing the remaining two. So he modified the philosophy: the rules of a game may sometimes seem unfair or unsatisfactory, the leg-before-wicket rule in cricket, for example. while at the same time - taken over a period - making for a better game.

In the same way, following the rules of morality may, in some circumstances, yield up unacceptable results. But in the end, we are better off having the rule than dismantling it. On the whole, going for policies which make the largest number of people happy is a good thing, even though there are exceptions. And, on the whole, it is right to treat the taking of life, even by a doctor, as a crime.

If occasionally we have to deal with a harrowing exception, it is perfectly right and proper that we show humanity and leniency. In doing that, we are not challenging the soundness of the general rule but simply accepting that life unlike the law, does not consist of

What if Major was a German?

He would put the prosperity of his country first, says Nicholas Ridley

ohn Major and his supporters in Cabinet still seem to be unaware of the magnitude of the disaster that has overtaken their policy of giving priority to membership of the exchange rate mechanism (ERM). It has failed: we have devalued substantially, and the mechanism has proved itself incapable of holding currency parities which

wrong with the law?

In sentencing Dr Nigel Cox to a

12-month suspended sentence, Mr Justice Ognall faced the

ancient riddle and, straining the

words available to him to their

logical limits, effected a compro-

mise between humanity and blind

said, that Dr Cox's decision to

cause the death of his patient, Mrs

Lillian Boyes, was a crime. While making it clear that such conduct could never be legally excused. Mr Justice Ognall said that it could, in

this case, be explained. Wading

further into the conundrums

which have been raised by the

case, Mr Justice Ognall referred to what he called "the duty of a

There could be no question, he

the markets do not accept.

The British economy has been sacrificed on the altar of the ERM. Appalling and quite unnecessary damage has been done to business, jobs, profits, exports, house prices and mortgage holders. Far from getting economic growth we have thrown away some 4 per cent of gross national product on a dogma that rested on faulty economics and a very un-Tory belief that one "could buck the markets".

The most depressing situation is that Mr Major and his cabinet still

do not seem to have learnt the lesson. They still seem to hanker to get back in. They realise that some time must be allowed to elapse. They are beginning to cobble up conditions for a reformed ERM, but the ultimate policy objective of rejoining still seems to remain.

Those very conditions first aired by Mr Major last week and then by Norman Lamont in Washington over the weekend show how little they have understood the sheer impossibility of what they have been trying to do and still seem to want to go on doing. It smacks of the obstinacy of pride rather than of guts and consistency. Defending the impossible is the hallmark of failures not the characteristic of victors.

Those conditions appear to be three. First, no one should talk during a currency price crisis or say anything about markets and prices. Second, central banks should intervene earlier when a currency comes under strain in the ERM and buy heavily before the markets scent victory. Third, there should be friendly realignment of interest rates all the time to suit all members of the ERM.

The first condition is merely petulant. The government have tried to make the German Bundesbank scapegoats for what leaks and rumours, kites flown and damned lies. The trouble is that the system is such that talk has an important effect on operators in the market. It told them some-thing. By setting up a floor to the pound's value, any suggestion that it might be the wrong floor increases the likelihood of a good one-way bet against it. .

Markets price currencies, not governments, and the markets had known the pound was over-valued for weeks. All they needed to discover was whether govern-ments and central banks had realised this and were going to do something about it. The fault was not indiscreet words but trying to resist the markets. The idea of a new ERM treaty containing a clause that no one will say anything cannot be taken seriously.

The second condition is equally flawed but infinitely more expensive. Germany and Britain both spent billions of our money in fruitless intervention to save the line, the pound and other currencies last week. The needless giving of substantial public funds to dealers through fruitless intervention is a disgrace. What have the taxpayers got for the money lost on intervention last week? Nothing.

Intervention cannot work and never has worked in the face of a serious assault upon a currency, and should be abandoned. (It can be harmless in smoothing currency changes in quiet times but even then it is unnecessary.) After all it is illegal for a company to intervene to support its own share price. Nor does it work, because sooner or later it is spotted, and the markets quickly adjust to discount its effects. The government should be ashamed of its recent 10 billion ecu loan, part of which it totally wasted when intervening last week. That debt will have to be repaid one day. To intervene earlier is thus to have an opportu-



nity to waste money earlier as well as later. Early intervention may buy a few more days or weeks of stability, but in no way removes the cause of the trouble which is an overvalued currency. It is imposs ible to argue that earlier intervention by central banks could have had any effect on last week's crisis other than to make more dealers richer earlier as well as rich

The third condition goes right to the heart of the ERM and is an eloquent criticism of the system. With the same petulant hunt for scapegoats the government wants all ERM members continually to adjust their interest rates so that no one country hurts another's economic policy. They wanted the Germans to lower their interest rates because they did not suit us. The Germans wanted and needed high interest rates in order to curb

their rising inflation. Mr Major thinks inflation is the chief evil (and so do 1). So why should he be cross if the Germans do what he would have done if he had been a German? The Bundesbank, moreover, has a statutory duty to defend the value of the mark. Does he really think they should break the law just to suit us?

t so happened that at the same time we wanted lower interest rates to relieve the pressure on the British economy. But because of the ERM constraint we could not lower them. So we pursued a high interest rate policy, despite the very great damage it was doing, for no other reason than to appease the Germans. It is impossible and wrong to accept situations where nations do damaging things to their own economies just for the

where there was some way of cajoling or forcing one member state to do what another wanted is one where millions could be made bankrupt or unemployed, or where inflation could get out of hand for no conceivable good reason. It would no longer be an exchange rate mechanism; it would be a single currency. That is why the Maastricht treaty is so wrong, and why it should be dropped. But to argue that the precursor of economic and monetary union (EMU) - the ERM has failed, so therefore we should go on to EMU is perverse indeed. and makes frighteningly clear the extent to which the government has still not got the message.

love of other nations. An ERM

None of these three conditions makes any sense, nor is there a car's chance in hell of any of them being accepted. They will all make

matters worse on a future occasion. The lesson is that there must not be a future occasion. We must never repeat the dangerous policy of the past. To go back into the ERM after a devaluation would be to invite the whole costly and damaging saga to repeat itself. I earnestly entreat that we don't get bitten again.

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if some countries on the continent want to persist, if we are to have a two-speed Europe, so be it that is their lookout. I do not see disadvantages in Germany and the Benefux countries keeping the present arrangement, but to force Britain and the others in as part of an ideological goal of monetary union is something to which we should say "never again".

Lord Ridley was Conservative MP for Cirencester and Tewkesbury 1959-1992.



...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

rom time to time, this column is given over to a leading figure in the world of politics or the arts to deliver his verdict on Britain's place in the world. Today, leading British film director Michael Whinger, whose films include the longawaited remake of Mary Poppins. "Mary Poppins: Cop Killer", attacks the prevailing ethos of the British cinema:

When I first came into our industry back in the early Fifties. there were over 100 different agencies, all of them anxious that I should make movies for them. In those heady years, I succeeded in making a great many distinguished and profitable movies. including "Brief Encounter 2", in which the Celia Johnson character, played by Diana Dors, finally succumbs to a dirty weekend at a nudist colony with the Trevor Howard character, played by Charles Hawtrey - leading to no end of saucy capers!

On a deeper level, there was also my distinguished and widely acclaimed British film about the life of the great philosopher, Wittgenstein, "Carry On Think-ing", with the late lamented Sid James as Wittgenstein and my very good friend Barbara Windsor as the incorrigible Dora

Russell Heady days, indeed, and I am proud to have played my part in the heyday of what was once a Great British Industry. At that time, we didn't bother about social significance or messages: we were far too interested in telling a great story. For instance, I hope I may be allowed, in all

humility, to mention one of my own great movies from the Six-ties, the 1968 low-budget remake of Lawrence of Arabia, called "Lawrence of Guildford" and filmed entirely on location, best remembered by film buffs for its ten-minute shot of the Omar Sharif character, played by Reg Varney, resplendent in his old sheet, riding his three-speed bicyde over the Hog's Back.

Well, that movie told a great story, earned a fortune at the box office (propping up Dr Zhivago. with which it went on general release) and allowing those of us who love this industry and ourselves to feel very proud indeed. Comedy, too, was my forte: there was laughter all the way in my "Massacre at St Trinian's", the sixth (and last) of that famous

On a more personal note, as the British film industry was going down the pan in the Seventies, I moved my operations to America. where they still seemed to know the meaning of sheer, honest-togoodness entertainment and where profit was not a dirty word. In vastly enjoyable movies of mine like, "Cold-Blooded Massacre", "Bloodbath 3", "Kill Jill" and my remake of Lady and the Tramp, "Lady and the Rottweiller", I wasn't afraid to offer a good, old-fashioned night out to the average cinema-goer. For just ten dollars, they could witness on average 12 vicious slayings, 15 unwarranted murders and over 23 revenge massacres per movie, and still come out

with spare change for a hot dog.

And why should profit be

considered such a dirty word? I once said to the late Orson Welles, 'Orson I said, Orson, I love your movies. They've been a great influence on my own movies. And I can't praise them higher than that." To which I feel sure Orson would have replied, if only he'd still been alive. Yet the fact remains that Citizen Kane, though it is considered by many to be just as entertaining a movie as my own "Bloodbath 7", never made a profit. Orson lacked the commercial touch, and tragically failed to recognise that these days it doesn't matter how artistic a movie might be. if it hasn't got a good, old fashioned revenge killing every three to four minutes, it'll be a box office turkey.

You see, these days the people who run what is left of the British film industry think that a message is more important than a pump-action machine gun and that social significance is more crucial than healthy fun-for-allthe-family staples such as mass carnage, masked rapists and hooded prowlers with knives galore. Small wonder, then, that the industry that was once able to boast a healthy profit from such minor masterpieces such as my own "Sound of Music 2: The Hills' Revenge" and "Bloodbath 15" has now lost me to Hollywood. We are all agreed that this is very, very sad.

Only when the British film industry has come up with the money to invest in a brand new Michael Whinger movie will I be persuaded to return to these shores. And if that's not an incentive, I don't know what is.

Sterling efforts to be ready

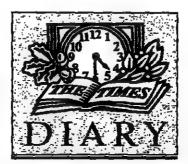
AS THE party whips spend the week furiously rounding up their errant flocks for Thursday's recall of Parliament, one who may be quite grateful for the early return to duty is Roger Freeman, the stuntprone transport minister. The ster ling crisis and the hasty scheduling of the emergency debate has forced him to cancel his long-planned "fact-finding" trip to Siberia on the famous railway from Moscow and on across the wastes of Mongolia. 'He still intends to go." says one of Freeman's aides, "but it may not

be until next year now,"

Freeman is not the only one to cancel or cut short travel arrangements. Yesterday the Westminster authorities increased their frantic activity in order to have everyone and everything in place by Thursday. A quick tour of the Palace of Westminster revealed that large chunks of it resemble nothing so much as a building site and where one normally expects to see smartly-uniformed flunkeys there are only blue-overalled workmen. Corridors are closed, carpets are up and plaster is hanging off the walls. Henry Webber, director of works at

the Commons, says: "When we heard that Parliament was being recalled our people walked round the building with members of the Serjeant at Arms' and Black Rod's offices to see which services could be restored in time. It would have been even harder to cope with two or three weeks ago."

With John Major already forced out of Downing Street by the builders, if Parliament had also been compelled to meet elsewhere it would have only added to the air of crisis. Happily Webber confidently predicts that most of the Commons will be habitable in time



for the recall, the fifteenth such occasion since the second world war. But it will be a close run thing and MPs will find the palace much changed. Westminster Hall is being used as a temporary furniture storeroom and Hansard, which is having new technology installed, will operate out of a

temporary committee room. MPs will, however, find their favourite French and German wines from the Westminster cellars will be available in most of the restaurants. Peter Gayle, catering manager says: "It's been chaotic but as soon as we heard we started ringing round and we will have enough staff to open most of the bars and restaurants. We've had a week to get food orders to our suppliers. We are anticipating the palace, and that means the bars

and restaurants, will be packed". Some favoured haunts, however, are too heavily occupied by the demolition squad to be open in time. Annie's Bar, where journalists and MPs exchange unattributable gossip, will remain closed, as will the members' cafeteria where all good party plots to bring down prime ministers - and

even chancellors - are hatched. ● The latest post-Maastricht accessory for all Euro-sceptics. it seems, is the designer Ecu. The coin dealers Spink yesterday launched a promotion campaign for the 22-

carat set of seven coins minted this year as a prototype of the British Ecu. At just E27.50 for the collection, events of the past week look likely to turn the coins into collectors items. "Buy a piece of British history." runs the slogan.

Bard member

SIR William Shakespeare has become a trustee of the Shakespeare Globe project which is seeking to build a faithful recreation of the original Elizabethan theatre on London's Bankside.

Sir William, a distinguished member of the medical profession. is a direct descendant of Shakespeare's cousin John and an enthustastic student of his ancestor's works. But he insists the invitation from Sam Wanamaker, the

It's a small Globe.



Globe's chief executive, was as unexpected as the appearance of the ghost of Hamlet's father. "I simply do not know how he

found me," said Sir William from his Buckinghamshire home yesterday. "But I am very pleased to be involved with the Globe and hope that my name - or is it his? - will help in raising necessary funds."

 Zubin Mehta has discovered a way to avoid the nightly jam of Pavarotti fans who gather at the stage door of Covent Garden. The ebullient conductor of the hugely successful revival of Tosca is surreptitiously ushered by staff to a fire door further up Floral Street and with black Fedora firmly pulled down over his face he makes a dash to his waiting Rolls Royce across the street before being be whisked away for a quiet supper.

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The delights of Candida Lycett Green's country house in Wilshire are spread all across eight pages of the October issue of Vogue. Sumptuous interiors jostle with shots of the rambling garden. The editorial extols the delights of the "dew pond, wild deer and probably the best bluebells in Wiltshire". The Lycett Greens are blissfully happy

in their rural idyll, the piece gushes Some surprise, then, to see the same picture this week in a property ad in Country Life. Surely this blissful home could not be up for sale? Alexandra Shulman, Vogue's editor, says: "The piece was put to-gether three months ago. Candida decided to sell only three weeks ago." Pure coincidence, but Lycett Green, the daughter of the late John Beneman, is a commounting editor of Vogue. There's no such thing as a free advert, as Milton Friedman might have said.

 The American National Association of Pessimists — a 200-strong body whose motto is "in front of ev ery silver lining there's a dark cloud" — has provisionally set the date of its next convention to coincide with the anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. A spoker man for the association says: "The date is tentative to allow for missed plane connections and other natu-

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LET THE PEOPLE SPEAK

The grudging French endorsement of the Maastricht treaty should bring equally grudging celebration in Downing Street. John Major, whose popularity has crashed at a record rate in response to his economic mismanagement, must now use his leadership of the EC to shape a fresh treaty. Then he should ask the British people to support the result.

Until now Mr Major has rejected the use of a British referendum. To remove the decision from the safety of Parliament has seemed to him both politically unwise and a sign of personal weakness. Yesterday his foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd, reiterated the government's antipathy to giving the British people the same rights as the Danes, the Irish and the French.

Mr Major would be wise to change his mind in favour of a referendum rather faster than he bowed to the pressure to leave the ERM last week. To lose one battle with more powerful forces can be considered foolish; to lose a second could cost him his job.

It is not hard to understand Mr Major's passion for boldness. To follow one of the most resolute prime ministers of modern times was never going to be easy, especially for a man then thought too nice to be a politician. Mr Major has shown great resolution. But he has failed to choose the targets of his resolution with the necessary care. An exchange rate of DM2.7780 was one foolish choice. Now that the French have voted their narrow "yes", opposition to a British referendum could be another.

Mr Major might recall that Mrs Thatcher was frequently more flexible than she liked to appear. The lady was for turning when politics dictated it, except, fatally, over the poll tax. After the French result, the prime minister must swiftly reassess his resolve.

Whatever his stated preference for a "yes" vote, it has landed him in a far stickier political position than a rejection of the treaty would have done. With a small parliamentary majority and in the teeth of a growing group of sceptical MPs (one of whom yesterday predicted "trench warfare"). Mr Major will have to persuade Parliament to ratify a treaty whose terms, if they are not amended, would be widely reviled.

Mr Major's slide so far has been cushioned by a lucky coincidence of circumstances. The next general election is a long way away. Both opposition parties had locked themselves into agreement with the government over the ERM; so their criticism has been unnaturally subdued. No obvious successor has yet shown himself ready to take advantage of Mr Major's plight Neither of the last two strokes of fortune, though, will necessarily last.

Calling a referendum would help Mr Major. Apart from earning him popularity with voters, who show in poll after poll that they want to be consulted, it would also

appease the voluble critics in his own party. Mr Major may be holding back for fear of an eventual "no" vote. If so, that would be both dishonourable and foolish. He ought not to impose any constitutional change on a country that does not want it. Nothing, in the long run, would make him more unpopular.

A referendum is not simply a politically pragmatic option; it is also the right one. Mr Hurd was arrogant to suggest yesterday that a ratification of the treaty by Parliament would be democratically sufficient. MPs may be, as he says, "newly elected", but none has an electoral mandate to press ahead with Maastricht. At the last general election British people were not given the chance to vote for a party that did not support Maastricht. It is precisely because policy on Europe has not divided along traditional party lines that a referendum is called for, just as it was in 1975 when both main parties were split over whether Britain should remain in the EC.

Britain is no Switzerland. This country holds referendums only on matters of constitutional importance. The Maastricht treaty or any likely successor is just such a matter. If the people of Britain do not want it, they should not be forced to accept it. But if they do vote for it, their decision could at last lay to rest the country's debilitating ambivalence about European union, just as the 1975 poll established that the question of Britain's EC membership was no longer at issue.

This is why it is important that in the remaining months of the EC presidency, Mr Major should seek to negotiate a package for which he could sincerely recommend a "yes" vote; and one that is likely to attract such an endorsement. In the circumstances in which the Maastricht treaty was agreed, he probably did win for Britain the best deal he could. But circumstances have changed. The Danes have rejected the treaty. Nearly half the French — perhaps the most Europhile people of the Community — have expressed their reservations. The Germans have shown themselves in opinion polls to be three to one against jettisoning the mark. The present economic and monetary union proposals are now unachievable.

All this points to some form of renegotiation of Maastricht. It is idle to suppose that the wholehearted support of the European people can be won simply by appending the odd "clarification" to the treaty. As president of the EC and as the country with the strongest reservations about over-extension of the European Commission's competence, Britain is well placed to address the anxieties of those in Denmark and France who voted no. Mr Major should come back from his October summit with the outline of a treaty that more than a bare majority of Europeans can back. If he achieves that, he should be able to win the support of the British people too.

BUDGETING FOR GROWTH

An unforeseen alliance of French voters, German bankers, international currency traders and his own pride has sucked the life from John Major's economic thinking. Whitehall abhors a vacuum. Unless Britain's future is to be entrusted again to marketbuckers, Maastricht-makers and hangers upon the lips of Chancellor Kohl, the prime minister needs a new set of tenets.

Norman Lamont gave a good signal vesterday by saying that the new aim of British policy was "sustained non-inflationary growth". Aggressive cuts in interest rates, linked to lower public spending, lower taxes on investment and a sustained attempt to rebuild political credibility could yet make that aim more than a dream.

Interest rates should be cut to 8 per cent between now and next month's Conservative party conference. Rapid action would have far more impact on confidence than the meagre half-point cuts that have so signally failed since 1990.

Interest rate reductions have to be balanced by lower public borrowing. Now that Britain can set its own interest rates again, reduced public borrowing will make more savings available for private investment. The present PSBR of more than 5 per cent of GDP is far too high to be sustainable. The Maastricht figure of 3 per cent should be treated as a minimum medium-term target. Ideally, the PSBR should be reduced to zero, once full employment is returning.

The exchange rate may fall further as a result of these measures but this should not cause alarm. The best time to have a falling exchange rate is at a time of recession when factories and workers are underemployed. At present a falling pound will not create wage inflation. As the economy strengthens, the pound will rise. There is virtue in a strong pound — but only in strength created because sterling is in demand. A pound which is propped up by high interest rates is not strong at all.

Ultimately the government should aim to cut interest rates to 5 or 6 per cent. This may seem unreasonably low in the light of past British experience. But it is about the level in Australia and Canada and considerably higher than in America and Japan.

If interest rates fell to such levels, substantial cuts in public spending would be needed to maintain the pressure against inflation. No public spending programme should be exempt from re-examination. There will be the closest debate on the merits of any balance between rate cuts and spending cuts and between individual spending priorities. Protection should be greatest for programmes that genuinely protect the poor, for health and education and for investment in transport. Protection should be least for middle-class entitlements and for the bribes to Tory voters that have

dogged the tax system over the years. The biggest economies should be made by holding down wages throughout the public sector (which have been far less severely hit than private pay). Would Mr Major be bold enough to freeze state pensions for a year? To help the most needy in society, means-tested benefits could be increased by more than the rate of inflation. Child benefits could also be frozen or even cut; and family income support for the poor increased.

Morrgage tax relief should be phased out once the housing market starts to recover. If the government gave notice that new relief would be given only to properties bought within the next 12 months, house purchase would accelerate immediately.

Defence spending should be cut much more aggressively than has been contemplated so far. The European Fighter Aircraft project should be abandoned. Privatisation generally should be accelerated through competitive tendering. British Coal should be quickly sold or even given away.

To increase investment and encourage the entrepreneurship which is the foundation for long-term non-inflationary growth, changes should be made in the capital gains tax. There is a strong case for not taxing capital gains at all, although the kinds of capital gains exempted have to be somewhat circumscribed to stop tax avoidance.

This strategy could be presented as a bid for recovery led by export and investment Because of the competitive exchange rate, Britain could narrow the trade gap, despite a rapid recovery in domestic demand. The government need not worry about sterling in the short run. A sharp fall in the pound now, when the economy is becalmed, carries far less risk of inflation than would a gradual decline later in the economic cycle when domestic demand would be rising fast. Within two or three years the rapid growth of the economy and productivity should make the pound stronger than it is today. It might even be worth DM2.95.

How can Mr Major make the markets believe in his new strategy? The government is right to say it will watch a whole series of monetary indicators, including broad and narrow money, asset prices and the exchange rate. Mr Major may not want to appear to ape Mrs Thatcher's successful techniques of the early Eighties, but there is much to be said for a broader medium-term

financial strategy. The reforms of budget-making and spending control, announced for next year. ought to increase the credibility of public expenditure targets. They should be brought

forward. The need is now. Mr Major must begin his new battle plan in the House of Commons debate later this week. Although he will face open mockery from his critics, he will also have the chance to show his decisiveness. He can still break away from failure if he is truly minded to do so. In the darkest days of defeat, the brightest ambitions can be born.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Three-point plan of Liverpool Six

From Professor Tim Congdon and

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Sir. We write to welcome the government's decision to leave the European exchange-rate mechanism. There should be no intention whatsoever of rejoining the ERM "when conditions allow". We strongly support Mr Lamont's new principle that "a British economic policy and a British mone-tary policy" (report, September 19) should be set to meet domestic objectives rather than to fix the exchange rate.

We also agree wholeheartedly with the government's commitment to price stability as its long-run priority in economic policy. But at present significant interest rate reductions are needed in order to promote recovery, to ease the strains in the housing market and to help our major finan-cial institutions rebuild their profits and capital.

If there are such reductions in interest rates, the next few weeks may see a further drop in external value of the pound and arouse fears of higher inflation. In our view, the falls in both interest rates and the exchange rate are necessary in current circumstances to combat the severity of the recession. But the government must remain determined to achieve price stability in the longer term. Indeed, the danger that devaluation may be seen as the prelude to renewed inflation emphasises the need to establish a robust new framework for monetary policy. We have three main proposi

1. The Bank of England should be given operational independence from government, in the same way as the Federal Reserve in the United States of America and the Bundesbank in Germany. We believe that operational independence nevertheless has to be reconciled with full parliamentary accountability and so with our democratic institutions.

Our favoured method would be for Parliament to pass at regular intervals (of, say, ten years) a Bank Charter Act which would require the Bank to meet certain objectives. The most important such objective would of course be price stability. Parliament could examine the Bank's senior officials from time to time, to see whether the objectives were being met.

2. Since inflation is undoubtedly "a monetary phenomenon" (in Milton Friedman's words), the policy framework must include targets for the money supply. Targets for the growth of narrow money have been in force since 1983. We believe that they provide useful information to policymakers and should be retained.

Our main new recommendation is that the government should set targets for the growth of broad money, which is dominated by bank deposits. Targets for broad money were the centrepiece of economic policy between 1976 and 1985, a decade which saw Britain achieve both a dramatic reduction in inflation and (in the five years to 1986) a fair measure of economic stability. They must be restored. It was the abandonment of money supply targets, along the pegging of sterling at three deutsch-marks, that permitted the inflationary cesses of the Lawson boom.

The government's principle of balancing the budget over the busi-ness cycle should be fully supported. Although the recession is the main cause of the large budget deficit at present, we believe that Treasury ministers are right to seek further cuts in public expenditure. As in 1981, meaningful action to reduce the budget deficit will greatly increase the credibility of policy. We believe that the announcement

of this framework (an independent central bank, money supply targets and a balanced budget) would be greeted with enthusiasm by financial markets — and by the public at large - as an earnest of the government's resolve to restore monetary and economic stability. Yours faithfully,

TIM CONGDON, BILL MARTIN. PATRICK MINFORD. GORDON PEPPER, ALAN WALTERS, PETER WARBURTON, Liverpool Macroeconomic Research Ltd., PO Box 147, Liverpool L69 3BX. September 21.

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The French vote

From Sir John Külick

Sir, We do not know to what extent the "no" vote in France reflects nothing more than general antipathy to Presdent Mitterrand and the French government. The same may to some extent be true in the opposite sense of the "yes" vote. As a measure of support for or opposition to Maastricht the em to me to be pretty meaningless.

Much the same would surely be true of a referendum held in this country, and that is not the least of the objections to the idea.

It would be interesting to know to what extent French voters were com-prehensively and dispassionately in-formed of the substance of Maastricht, as distinct from being swayed by media hype and heavily slanted partypolitical rhetoric. How would voters in this country be fairly confronted with the issues? How could the question on such a complicated matter be formulated? How many voters would bother to study the sort of background documentation which ought to be importance; but it is surely just the sort of thing, in our kind of democracy. which we elect and employ members of Parliament to deal with

The issue is of course of great

distributed? Those who demand a

referendum owe us an explanation on

Yours truly, JOHN KILLICK, Challoner's Cottage 2 Birchwood Avenue Southborough, Kent.

these points.

From Mr P. J. G. Taylor

September 21.

Sir. Denmark's wafer-thin "no" vote to Maastricht has been followed by strong pressure from other European countries for a second referendum to give the Danish people a chance to change their minds.

May we now expect similar pressure for a second French referendum? Yours faithfully,

P. J. G. TAYLOR, Cherry Tree House, Hill Road. Haslemere, Surrey.

Test of vocation

From Canon E. E. Staples

Sir, You report (September 17) that the Bishop of Bath and Wells, in common with other of his fellow diocesans, has posed the alternatives of extra money from the laity or a reduction in the number of dergy.

This present time of economic difficulty may make the second option the more likely, with the consequence of additional parishes sharing the services of one parson and the further consequence that non-resident priests will lead to non-churchgoing parishioners. The sequel to that may be expected to be an eventual decrease in financial contributions from the laity and a growing distaste for a church which seems always to hold out a begging bowl.

In recent years there has been

Sir, Nigel Hawkes argues that gender

differences can no longer be put down

to social conditioning ("Sex is all in

the brain", September 12). We can

provide one piece of evidence in

year-old granddaughter a set of

building bricks: a traditional toy

which we hoped would develop her

Without any prompting she built a

primitive bed, placed a cylindrical brink in it, covered it with a flat brick

and murmured a running com-

mentary: "That's a bed, brick go to

bed, there's a blanket, night night

We recently bought for our two-

Maternal instincts

From Mr and Mrs M. M.

support of his thesis.

brick, go to sleep."

M. M. LODDINGTON,

LESLEY M. LODDINGTON,

22 Derby Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire.

Yours faithfully,

September 16.

manual and creative skills.

Loddington

considerable increase in centralised administration of Church of England at both national and diocesan levels, using not only manpower but also

Is it not time for that tendency to be reversed and for the Church to concentrate on work among people rather than in synods, councils and committees? And, too, for the Church of England to realise that one sure test of vocation is a readiness to accept a degree of financial hardship rather than, as latterly, to expect that clerical stipends, which include rent and ratefree housing, will be raised annually to the standards enjoyed by comparable professional people?

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, ERIC STAPLES, The Old School House, Sutton Benger, Chippenham, Wiltshire.

A holy garden, far away

The aim of the purchase was to preserve "the tomb and garden outside the walls of Jerusalem, believed by many to be the sepulchre and garden of Joseph of Arimathaea". When the purchase was completed in 1894 a society was formed "so that the Garden Tomb, Jerusalem, may be kept sacred as a quiet spot and

of the first Easter morning.

From Mr Peter G. L. Wells

Sir. Exactly 100 years ago, on September 22, 1892, you published a letter from Mr H. A. Campbell and Mr John Murray appealing for funds to purchase the land in Jerusalem which has since come to be known as the Garden Tomb.

the risen Lord Jesus. preserved from desecration".

Today's visitors find the garden a peaceful oasis of calm amidst the hustle and bustle of noisy East Jerusalem. Its trees, shrubs and flowers are typical of Bible times and its very naturalness has helped thousands to visualise the dramatic events

and emergency department, sched-uled to cost over £3 million, is well under way.

which is available is second to none,

Yours faithfully. HUGH N. WHITFIELD (Consultant urological surgeon). St Bartholomew's Hospital, Smithfield, EC1 September 12.

From Dr. J. A. Mathews

Sir, Perhaps leaks are a necessary way of testing public opinion before the announcement of a final decision which could be politically damaging. However, even if (as I sincerely hope) the public rejects outright the idea of closing four of London's top hospitals, it can scarcely claim the expertise in providing health care which might validate such a response. Many of us feel that a similar lack of practical and

In defence of threatened hospitals

From Mr H. N. Whitfield

Sir, It would seem premature for Dr John Chawner, chairman of the consultants' committee of the British Medical Association, to commit that organisation to supporting the recommendations of the leaked Tomlinson report ("Four top hospitals face closure", report, September 11). Neither he nor anyone else, however, should be surprised by the strength of the opposition that will emerge if these leaks are confirmed.

For those who work in the four inner-London teaching hospitals threatened with closure (St Bartholomew's, St Thomas', University College and Middlesex, and Charing Cross) it is difficult to correlate the reduction in attracting contracts that has occurred with the waiting lists that exist, without reference to the overall level of funding for the National Health Service.

The UK spends less on health care than any other EC country but in terms of value for money the service and the waiting lists which exist are the mechanism by which successive governments have enabled this service to be provided for 6 per cent of the GNP (in the United States it is 12 per

The threatened hospitals serve populations which are amongst the most deprived inner-city communities in the country and they contain acknowledged national and international experts. It is inconceivable that a report produced and leaked so quickly should deflect us from providing health care for our own district and for those referred to us from all over the UK or from educating the nation's future doctors.

informed opinion exists in government circles.

At one of those four hospitals. St Thomas', a second £500,000 linear accelerator for cancer treatment is currently being installed. A cyclotron producing isotopes for the country's first clinical positron emission tomography scanner (combined cost, £3.4 million) was opened by the Prince of Wales earlier this year. Structural work to enlarge the hospital's accident

Such facts should help to allay anxiety over the future of St Thomas, However, the track record of government planners in several fields suggests that even investment in new facilities on this huge scale is not an absolute guarantee that the hospital will survive. Demolition soon after new building is not unknown, and a fresh coat of paint can be the worst of

We at St Thomas' are confident that our administration has planned an exciting future for medicine on its present site. Only if, as in the Old Testament, the writing really was on the wall would we welcome this "cour

Yours sincerely, J. A. MATHEWS (Physician and clinical director, Rheumatology Department). St Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth Palace Road, SE1. September 14.

From Dr Monica E. Balv

Sir, Jeremy Laurance's assertion that St Thomas' predates the House of Commons across the Thames is wrong. It was opened by Queen Victoria on its present site on June 21, 1871, some 20 years after the House of Commons. At the time Florence Nightingale declared that it was "the worst site in London". She had advocated a move from Southwark to the bracing air of Blackheath and she never forgave the court of governors for failing to build a really modern hospital outside London. In Notes on Hospitals, published in

1863, Miss Nightingale published a map showing 20 hospitals within five miles of St Paul's and urged their dispersal. The Tomlinson panel would do well to read it. Yours faithfully.

MONICA BALY. 19 Royal Crescent. Bath, Avon.

Mercy for mercy

From Dr Colin Brewer and Mr Ludovic Kennedy

Sir, Why not a royal pardon for Dr last week for the attempted murder of a terminally-ill patient (report and leading article, September 21) and given a 12-months' suspended sen-

In 1936, the Queen's grandfather, George V, had terminal cancer. According to the diaries of the physician, Lord Dawson of Penn, he received, with Queen Mary's approval, and in the privacy of his own home, a lethal injection.

In a Lords debate the same year,

legalisation of voluntary euthanasia because it would involve too many formalities and because good doctors could generally be relied on to do it "when the real need is there".

Lord Dawson argued against the

very good doctor; but most people die in hospital now and are usually treated not by one personal physician but by a team. A royal pardon would be a very appropriate prelude to the changes in the law which are now manifestly needed. Yours etc.,

COLIN BREWER, **LUDOVIC KENNEDY** (Vice-Presidents).

The Voluntary Euthanasia Society, 13 Prince of Wales Terrace, W8.

Called to account

From the Headmaster, Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby

Sir, As headmaster of one of the 50 "lame duck" schools receiving more than £500,000 a year from the government's assisted-places scheme (report, September 11) I would point

1. Average cost per pupil in the maintained sector, £2,180. Average cost per assisted place at Merchant Tay-iors' School, £1,900 (on the latest figures made available to me by the Department of Education and Science). 2. Local education authority GCSE pass rate (A-C grades). 50 per cent. Merchant Taylors' 98 per cent. 3. Local education authority A-level results (A-C grades) 47 per cent. Merchant Taylors', 81 per cent.

Perhaps we need more lame ducks. Yours faithfully. S. J. R. DAWKINS, Headmaster,

Merchant Taylors' School. Crosby, Liverpool. We do not claim that the Garden

Tomb must be the actual place of Jesus's burial: no one living today can say with certainty where that took place and scholars have argued for or against different locations for more than a hundred years. What we do claim is that the tomb is empty, for "He is not here, for He is risen". Our aim is not to create a shrine, but to witness to the fact of the empty tomb and the wonder of a relationship with

We have an active ministry to thousands of visitors the world over. Sometimes we welcome more than a thousand visitors a day, and this year we are expecting nearly 200,000. For many of them, their time in the peace and beauty of the garden is the high point of their tour, and for some it is the start of a new life.

Yours faithfully, PETER G. L. WELLS, The Garden Tomb (Jerusalem) Association. The Garden Tomb, PO Box 19462.

Jerusalem, Israel.

Poles, Jews and Nazis

From Mr Jan Sek

Sir, I write in my personal capacity, rather than as a diplomat, to take issue with an ungenerous article by Clifford Longley ("The nuns in Auschwitz should pack up and leave", September 5). He argued that we Poles must be "perpetually reminded" of having been the "accomplices" of the Nazis in murdering millions of Jews. Such remarks are both offensive and untrue.

The truth is that many Poles were murdered by Nazis, their only offence having been harbouring fugitive Jews in what was an unparalleled nationwide operation of charity. According to the famous Nazi-hunter, Simon Wiesenthal, my countrymen saved from certain death some 30,000 Jews. At least one highly responsible historian, Dr Waclaw Zajaczkowski, has put the figure far higher.

I remain, Sir, sincerely yours, JAN SEK. Embassy of the Republic of Poland, 47 Portland Place, W1.

Circle of incentive From Mr John Lewis

Sir. Your transport correspondent's report on British Rail's fare-cutting exercise (September 17) stated that customers spending £5 or more in Boots shops receive a voucher enabling two people to travel on longdistance rail journeys for the price of one. I normally buy petrol at a garage where, once i have purchased a sufficient number of litres, I am entitled to a £5 token for spending in

any Boots shop. All I now need is for British Rail to offer petrol vouchers.

Yours faithfully, JOHN LEWIS, Soldridge House, Medstead. Nr Alton, Hampshire.

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YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE September 21: The Duke of Kent, Chancellor of the University of Surrey, this morning attended the 1992 Conference on Engineering Education, Guildhall, Portsmouth, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant Colo-

nel Sir James Scott, Bt). His Royal Highness. President of the Royal Armouries Development Trust, this afternoon visited Portsmouth Enterprise Centre, Fort Nelson,

Commander Roger Walker.

Royal Navy, was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this morning visited Ilchester Cheese Company's new premises, Ilchester, and was met on arrival by the Lord Lieutenant for Somerset (Colonel Walter Luttrell).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited HMS Heron, Yeovilton, Somerset and later opened the Exeter and District Hospice and was met on arrival by Sir John Palmer (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Devon).

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Dr Dannie Abse, poet, 69: Sir George Cartland, former vice-chancellor, University of Taz-mania, 80: Miss Maria Charles, actress, 63; Dr David Drewry, director. British Antarctic Survey. 45: Professor S.E. Finer, former professor of government, 77: Mr William Franklyn, actor. 66; Miss Gina Fratini, lashion designer, 61; Mr Colin Graham, opera director, 61; the Earl of Guillord, 59; Sir James Henry, former chairman, Foreign Compensation Com-mission, 81: Professor Sir Fredmission, 81; Professor Sir Fred-erick Holliday, former vice-chancellor, Durham University, 57; Mr Graham Jones, head-master, Repton School, 48; Miss Deborah Lavin, principal, Trevel-yan College, Durham University, 53; Professor Norbert Lynton, art storian. 65: Sir Charles Mander, company chairman, 71; Sir Nigel Mobbs, chairman, Slough Estates, 55; Lord Moran, 68; Captain

Memorial concert

Mark Phillips, equestrian trainer, 44; Lord Saye and Sele, 72: Mrs

Fay Weldon, writer, 61; Sir John Wickerson, former president, Law Society, 55; Lord Younger of Prestwick, 61.

Mr Sydney Harpley A memorial concert for Mr Sydney Harpiey was held yesterday at the Royal Academy of Arts. The speakers were Sir Roger de Grey, President of the Royal Academy, Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, Mr Chris Beedes and Mrs

Harpley, widow.
Dr David Josefowitz and Miss Nicola Cleary (violins), Miss Yuki Kaware (piano) and Mr Richard Bamting (ceilo) performed Han-del's Trio Sonata Op.5 No 2, Debussy's Sonata for Violin and

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will visit the headquarters of Marie Supes International at 62 Grafton Way, W1, at 10.15; and, as Patron of the Year of Dance (1993), will attend a function at the Arts Council of Great Britain, 14 Great Peter Street, at 12.50.

Princess Margaret, as Patron of the Royal College of Nursing, will attend a reception and dinner at the Savoy Hotel at 7.45 and present the Nursing Standard/Bupa Nurse 92 Award

The Duke of Gloucester. Honorary President of the Scottish Society of Architect Artists, will open the annual exhibition at the Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, at 2.35.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the London Philharmonic, will attend a fund-raising gala concert at the Festival Hall at 7.25.

Princess Alexandra will present the Royal Humane Society's Testimo-nial on Vellum to No 293 (Cowbridge) Squadron Air Training Corps at Cowbridge, South Glamorgan, at 2.50; and will visit the PDSA shop at 229 Cowbridge Road East, Cardiff, at 3.50.

Luncheon

Rotary Chib of London

The American Ambassador was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of London held yesterday at the Marriott Hotel, Mr Neville Shulman, president, was in the chair. The Ambassadors of France, Belgium, Greece, Lutembourg, Bulgaria and Senegal attended.



Robert Holland, of Cumnock, Strathclyde, kissing his prize-winning onion — at 11lb 2oz said to be the biggest in the world — at the National Kelsae Onion Festival in Harrogate, North Yorkshire

Vote on women priests

Church curb on public at key debate

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

FEMINISTS in the Church of England have criticised the allocation of tickets for members of the public to watch the decisive vote on women priests

in November. After allocating tickets to synod members and the press. only 20 seats remain for the public to watch the established church vote on one of the most significant decisions it will

take this century. Monica Furiong, a feminist theologian, writing in this week's Church Times, criticises the lack of space. She says: "I am concerned that, uniquely in the history of debates in general synod, there will not be public access to the deliate.

"It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the church wishes to conduct this debate as far as possible under wraps. maybe because it fears some outbreak of spontaneous feeling, or (I would like to believe) because it feels some shame at having its prejudices once again exposed to public view." She said the people who had

tolled for years against or for women priests deserved to be present at the debate. One synod member is auctioning a ticket she won in a

ballot to raise money for her church roof. The Movement for the Ordination of Women

has booked rooms in the Methodist Westminster Central Hall, opposite Church House, the headquarters of the Church of England, Supporters of women priests will be invited to watch the debate and vote on November 11 on

live television.
A spokesman for the church said it was untrue that the public will be denied access to

the debate and vote. The Rev Eric Shegog, director of communications, said: "The problem is simple. We cannot get everyone in who would like to be there." All 566 synod members will not fit in the debating chamber and have been allocated 90 seats in the public gallery.

has been set aside at Church House where the debate will be televised for those who cannot be accommodated in the gallery.

The debate will be broadcast

live on BBC2 and Radio Four. The former Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leon-ard, has said that the ordination of women priests could become a fundamental belief with the status of being necessary for salvation, while "radical or heretical interpretations of the formularies continue to pass unchallenged in official quarters."

Dr Leonard was speaking at the annual conference of the Prayer Book Society.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.J. Balfour and Miss M.V. Petitt The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.C. Balfour, of Backwell, Bristol, and Mary, elder daughter of Commander and Mrs A. Pemitt. of Gillingham, Dorset. Mr A.J. Da Costa

and Miss A.D. Walsh The engagement is announced between Alastair, elder son of Squadron Leader and Mrs FA. Da Costa, of Lincoln, and Alison, only daughter of Dr and Mrs G.P. Walsh, of Blackburn, Lancashire. M H. Fèvre

and Miss E.C.L. Baxendale The engagement is announced between Hubert, elder son of M and Mme Philippe Fevre, of Veyrier-du-Lac, France, and Eleanor Catherine Lindsey, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Baxendale, of Aston Rowant Oxfordshire Mr P.A.C. Hammond and Miss E.C.L. Drake

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hammond, of Ewshot Hurst, Ewshot, Hampshire, and Elizabeth, daughter of Tom Drake and the late Monica Drake, and stepdaughter of Sonia Drake, of Caer Ogo, Porthmedog,

Gwynedd. Sir William Harris, KAE and Mrs C.R.M. Bishop The engagement is announced between Sir William Harris, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Mrs Rachel Bishop (née Goucher, of East Carlton, Market Harborough, widow of Mr R.W. Bishop, OBE.

Mr G.J. Paterson and Miss S.J. Robertson The engagement is amounced between Graham, only son of Mr Peter Paterson, of Wisborough Green, Sussex, and Mrs Beryl Paterson, of Blackheath, London, and Sue, elder daughter of Mr Robbie Robertson, of Christow, Devon, and the late Mrs Marian

and Florence Viscountes

The engagement is announced between Martin, son of the late Mr and Mrs John Shelley, of St. Boswells, Roxburghshire, and Florence (née von Oppenheim), daughter of the late Baron Harold von Oppenheim, of Cologne and Mrs Alexander de Takacsy, of

Captain A.J. Weale and Miss M.C. Glyn

The engagement is announced between Adrian John, son of Dr and Mrs K.E. Weale, of Elmwood Road, Chiswick, London, W4, and Mary Caroline, daughter of Sir Alan Glyn, ERD, and the Lady Rosula Glyn, of Cadogan Place, London, SW1.

Marriages

Mr J.F. Cassidy and Miss P.M. Peterzan

The marriage took place on Friday, September 18. at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, London, of Mr Jamie Cassidy, son of Mr and Mrs John Cassidy, of Hale Barnes, Cheshire, to Miss Paula Peterzan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Peterzan, of Cambridge, Canon Veal officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Jennifer Daly, Amanda Cassidy, Alexander Daly and Jonathan Scudder. Mr John Cassidy was DEST MUST.

The reception was held at Searcy's and the honeymoon will be spent in Venice.

and Mrs J.D. Denham

The marriage took place on Friday, September 18, in London, between David Treadwell and Josephine Denham, widow of Mr

Receptions

Baroness Warnock gave a recep-tion last night at the House of Lords for the Hertford Society.

Mishcon de Reys, Solicitors A reception was held by Messo Mishcon de Reya at their offices at 21 Southampton Row in honour of Dr L. Solyom, the President of the Constitutional Court of Hungary, on Friday, September 18, 1992. Among mose present were the Ambaguador and Consul Genthe Ambunder and Consul Gen-eral of Hungary, His Honour Enoch Dumbutshena, Chief Jus-tice of Zimbabwe, Lord Mishcon, QC, Mr Anthony Lester, QC, Mr Anthony Colman, QC, Ms Nuala Mole, Director of Interlights, Mrs Blanche Lucas, Mr Thomas Salamon and Dr G. Baracs, of the British Hungarian Law Amodelion.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League

Mr Martin Goff was the guest speaker at the opening meeting of the autumn session of the Dis-cussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's, Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided. Dinner

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National Sporting Clab Mr Tom Graveney was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the National Sporting Club last night at the Cate Royal to mark his birthday (June 16).

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Camilla.

CHILVERS - On Soplember 18th. In Barcelona, to Penny and Esteban, a daughter, sister for Africa.

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ANNIVERSARIES NAYLOR:HARDY -

DEATHS ALLISON - On September 17th 1992. William Appleton, aged 61 years, peacefully. Beloved husband of histanne and dearly loved father of Philip. Patrick and Gerard. Funeral Service on Friday September 25th 2 tim at 51 Peter and 51 Paul's Church. Steeple Aston. Family Nowers only bul donations if desired for the Horison Ceneral Hospital

ATKINSON - On September 19th 1992, suddenly at the Old Prebendal House, Shipton-under-Wychwood. Oxfordaily, Professor William Caristopher, aged 90, formerly of Bearden, Claegow, Devoted husband of the late Evelyn and beloved father of Tony, Hazel, Pamela and Elapeth, Pumera at Oxford Crematorium on Priday September 28th at 11.45 am. Family flowers only. Docations if desired to Bernardos, Tamers Lane, Bartingside, Word, Zeec.

AYERST - On September 20th. Devid, peacefully. Thanksgiving Service will be held at 3.16 pm September 25th at Buriord Church. Surford, Oxon. No Rovers, but donaltons if desired to Surford Church Apprel.

September 19th, suddenly September 19th, suddenly and peacefully white out on the hill. David Charles Lopes. Funeral Service at Coulter kirk at 2.30 pm on Friday September 25th. Memorial Service in Lendon later. BEAUMONT - On September

JEAUMONT - On Semminer 16th 1992, peacefully in Nutrelain Nursing Home. Nutrelain Nursing Home. Macclesfield. Reverend Arthur. aged 93 years. Funeral Service on Thursday September 24th 1992 at Brevelon Church at 1.15 pm followed by cremation at Macclesfield. Flowers. or donations if preferred. to Berndon Church. Enquiries to R.J. & B. Criffiths. tel: 102701 765783.

BECK: On Soptember 20th, at Mawman Smith. Barbara beloved wife of Li Cdr John Beck R.N. Funeral at 12 noon on Monday Soptember 28th at St Cadocs, The Bryn. Llangatrock-Nigh-Usk. Abergavenny on the old Abergavenny to Ragian Road. Friends to meet after at The Bear. Crickhowell.

20th, the Hop. John Edward Bingham T.D. aged 68. Dear husband of Dorothea. father of Nicholas, Peter and David. of Nicholas, Peter and David. and a loving grandfather. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Udimore. nr. Rye, on Friday September 25th at 11,45 am. Family flowers only: donations. If desired, for St Mary's Church (/o J Perigoe & Son. The Daka, Beckley, nr. Rye (0797) 260316.

CADOGAN - On Septembe CADOGAN - On September 18th. at home, suddenty while still fighting a long times, Margaret, dearly toved wife of John, Funeral Friday September 28th. 1,45pm at Bethel Church. Skeity Green. Swansea. Donations, if desired, to Dr. Ian Smith! Research Fund. Royal Marsden. Hospital. London SW3 6JJ.

CHANDY - On September CHANDY - On September 19th, peacefully, Dr. Symathi Reberca Chandy of Crosby. Liverpool, Beloved! wife of George and mother of Vilay, Mano. Shirin and Philip, Funeral Service of Eshe Road United Reformed Church on Wednesday September 23rd at 12.45 pm fortunated by cremation. Church on Wednesday
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H.L. Humphries Funeral
Directors, 69 Liverpool
Road, Great Crosby,
Liverpool L23.

CLUTTERBUCK - On September 16th 1992. In Brighton, Medwin Lauria spec 67 years, much loved husband of Veida, father of John and the late Anne. grandfather of Simon. Service at All Saints Church. The Drive, Hove, on Wednesday September 23rd at 11 am followed by Interment. Flowers and enquiries to Hammingtons (F/D) 1Jd. 46 Monteflore Road, Hove, Sessent, tel:

CORSAN - On September 18th. at home. Claire kynasian, befoved wife of Jamie and mother to Alexander and Camilla. Requiem Mass at the Sacred Heart Church. Edge Hill. Wimbledon, at 2 pm on Friday September 28th. Flowers to Ashton Futural Services, 140 Alexandra Road, London SW19 7.JV. By strict order of Claire, black is muit

DARWIN On September 17th, suddenly at work, Henry Gallon Darwin, C.M.G., aged 62, husband of Jane, fether of Sophia, Enuna and Carola, grandfather of Hugh, Teneral at St Mary's, Great Henry, Suddery, Suffolk, on Saturday September 26th at 2,30 pm. Any flowers to Brown, Fenn and Parker, 37 North St., Suddery, Suffolk,

DAVIES - On September 18th 1992, after a short illness. Mary, Lady Davies, beloved wife of the late Sir Arthur Davies K.B.E., dearly loved by her children Michael. Rosalind and Margaret and light Caroline.

DE LA PLAIN - On September
16th 1992. Elizabeth Joan,
suddenly but peacefully at
Windhoes, Namibia, while
on holiday. Deeply mourned
by her loving fusband,
family and friends. Memorial
Service will be held at St.
Martin-lu-be-Fields. Durban
North, on Wednesday
September 23rd at 11 am. No
flowers by request.
Donations if desired to
Mouth and Foot Painting
Artists. 9 Inverness Place.
London W2 3JG

DERIMAN - On September 19th, peacefully at Knowle Park Nursing Home. Cranleigh. Kilty. befored wife of the late Edward Henry (Eddie) and dearest mother of her son Wynde and his wife Belty. much loved by her grandchildren Nicholas. Gary and David. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium Least Chapell on Monday September 28th at 3 pm. Family flowest unity.

DURCAN - On Monday September 21st, peacefully at Lyte Park, Yvonne Cecil, wigow of Brigadier Colin Duncan, D.S.O., mother of Angus and Sarah, Funeral at Putney Vale Crematerium, on Friday September 25th at 2.45 pm.

DEATHS EVANS - On Saturday
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PIBLOING - On September 18th 1992, aged 29 years. Caroline Elizabeth Anne. Always loved by David, her family and friends. No flowers please. Donations to Breast Cancer Prevention Trust. St George's Hospital, Tooling, SW17 OQT.

FISHER - On September 17th 1992. In hospital after a short tinees, Diana (Jenny) G.B. Fisher. B.E.M. of Market Harborough, aged 73 years. Beloved sister of Doffy and a much loved Auntic Jenny. Funeral'service at St. Andrew's Church, Tur. Langton, on Friday. September 25th at 2.30 pm. followed by cremation at Kettering.

FOLLEY - On September 17th 1992 at Abergovenny Hospital. John (W.H.C.) Folley, suddenly and pencefully. Beloved father of Cheryl and Peter, dearly missed by grandchildren Debbie and Natatte. Funeral at Little Mariow Church on Thursday September 24th at 12 o'clock. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to be sent to Cripps and Shone. The Old House, West Street. Marfow. Bucks. The charities will be agreed on by the family at a later date for the donations.

PONSEKA - On Sectionber 20th, peacefully, Dr. Dora, wife of the late Dr. Marcus Forsseka, mother of Rassirial (deceased), Nimalasiri Yasahamda, Vimalasiri and Drupada (deceased),

HARMAN - On September 20th, al home, Anne (née Longton), belaves wife of David Harman. Funeral Service at Ampney Crucks al midday Friday September 25th. Enquiries to Packer & Slade, 1el: (0285) 653525.

18th 1992. Elizabeth
Lindsay Henderson, aged 91,
beloved mother of and friend
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Nicholas and to her son lan
and daughter in-law
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Saturday September 26th
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Magnus Church by 9,30am
that day).

HOPKINS - On September 20th peacefully at The Princets Grace Hospital, Adel tride Rootstelin), beloved wife of Richard Hopkins and daughter-in-law of Heroid. Private cremation on Tuesday September 22nd. Jouwed by Service at West London Syntagopae. 33 Seymour Place, London Wi at 4.30 ptn. No Iowets, but donations if deaired to Help the Aged.

HUMPHREYS On September 17th, John (lan), in the Pügrims Hospice, Thenet, in the midst of love. Very much beloved by his wife Helen, son Antony, daughter Anabel, son-in-law Quentin, daughter-th-law Sytvia, and his five standerbiders.

September 20th 1992, peacefully at Kapanda in Newton of Stracethro Brechn, Angus Don 700, David Miles Lubbock dearly loved devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, inica and triend. Service in Dundee Cremetorium on Wednesday September 23rd at 10.00am. A Memordal Service will be neld in Edzell-Lethnot Parish Church on Salurday October 3rd at 2.00pm. Family flowers only please.

or kay, which over latter of thinks Mary John Sarah and Louise father-in-law of Richard Judy Shephen and Richard and grandfather of Lucy Rachel Anna Catherine Owen Alice Michael Rebecca David Peter Joshus Beth Jack Joel Nathan Thomas Sam Bendamin and Jonathan, Funeral Service at St Michael And All Angels Church Tetenhall, Wolverhambton on Friday September 25th at 1 pm. Followed by Interment for the family only. Pleasa, Ismily flowers only, but, if thought denations to either the Compton Hospice, Compton, Wolverhampton, or a Magonik Charity of your choice.

NICHOLS - On Suptember 19th, peacefully at Arbrook, House Nursing Home, Esher. Surrey, after a long filmes. Sir Edward, aged 80. Much foved husband of Gwen and father of Howard. Funeral Service at Esher Parish Church on Friday September 28th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please, but denations could be sent to the Paridines only Disease. Society

HORRIS — On September 1904
1992 in hospital after some
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redd. of Lymington, younger
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TERRY - On September 16th, peacefully, in hospital, Paul Terry M.B.E., retired 2900 displacer, formerly active to small-bore shooting. Funeral at 5t Marquret's United Reformed Church, Victoria Avenue, Finchley Central, at 2 pth Tuesiday September 19th, Domations, if wishes, to British Heart Pountebon. PENFOLD - On September PENIFOLD - On September 17th 1992, pencefully at home efter a brief illness. Tony, loving and dearly loved respand of Rits, Silver of Adrian and Nell, Funeral Service at Worginesdon Parist Caurch on Fridey September 28th at 2.45 pra. Family flowers only donations if destred to The Richard. Jenner Memorial Fund c/o MacMillan Nurses. Weybridge Mospital. Waybridge Surrey.

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TOLLER - On September 18th. Angels Beatrics, tragically in an accident, dearly leved by Tony. Richard and Camdida. Pumeral Service for family and close friends on Friday September 25th at Fitchead Neville Parish Church at 2.30 pm. Memortal Service at Hazelbury Bryan Parish Church on Monday October 19th at 2.30 pm. No Rowers blease, but donations may be given to the Save the Children Fund and forwarded to Colin J Gose Fumeral Director. 18 Salisbury Street, Blandford. Dorsel bell (0256) 463133. PERCIVAL - On September 19th, Allen D Percival, DMus, CBE, beloved husband of Margaret, aged 67. peacefully at Royal Brompton Hospital, Funeral Service 10.10 am Thursday September 24th at City of London Grenziorium, Aldersbrook Road, E12. No flowers piesse. Donations to

AND HARREST - On Security POTGIETER - On September 19th, Bob. of Southamason.
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Derling, your loving Wife Ivy. Funeral Service Thornhill Baptist Church, Southampton. Wednesday September 23rd at 2.45 pm. followed by private cremation. Flowers to R.C. Payne & Sas: 445 Enterns Fload East, Bitterne, Southampton. Septembar 19th. aged 100 years, Marion Etzabeth van Hassell, peacetully at home in Wassensar, The Notherlands. Widow of the late B.Th.W. van Hassell and

VIMIL-HALL On Seminor 17th. pasceristy. Deck beloved husband of Mildred. very deer brother of Angele. greatly loved father of 7th. Mark and Clare, loving grandfather and Great-grandfather, Funeral Service at All Saints Church. Lindteld. at 11,15 am on Friday September 25th. Fundly flowers only. Donations may be sent to British Lindtels Ex-Service Men's Association c/o Funeral Informatic tensor 4 Sen, 30 High Street. Lindteld. Street RH16 2HH. ROBERTS - On Thursday
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Mary (XI) aged 76 years,
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Arthur Ferguson and a dear
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Funeral Services, 35 Bread
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16th, Evan Lettyn (Bill) seed. 73. Beloved husband of Carmel and father of Anne. Service at St James the Less. Haddelph, Essex, at 11 am on September 24th. SHAW - On September 19th, peacefully in Strawberry Hill Nursing Home, Sylvia Iris Marie, much loved by all her familty and friends, Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium 10.30 am Friday September 25th, Flowers to Sanders & Sons, tel: (081) 547-2922. WITTS - On Salarday September 19th 1992, pescertuly et Weldement Nursing Home. Chichester, Nancy Green (née Salzman), wholw of Leslie and beloved mother and grandmother. Punsrul at Chichester Cranatorium on Priday September 1550 at 12 topo.

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EWEATHAN - Op Style 19th 1992, peacetally at King Edward VII Hospital. Midhurst, Ruth Mary (née pearson), much loved wife of Geoffrey and nother of Peter and Sophle. Service at Dunafold Parish Church on Friday September 25th at 3pm. Family Bowers antity. dobations if desired to The Laser Appeal of GLU, 7.5. c/o Funeral Directors J. Corrigos and Son. 56 Hare IN MEMORIAM -Lity Smith 892. Dear Mannay had the gift of se. Mootle.

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CANTLE (b) A section, or segment, cut out of anything, from Norman French cuntel, Shakespeare, Henry IV, I: "See, how this river cuts me from the best of all my lands/A huge half moon, a monstrons cantle out."

POISON (a) Plenty, abundance, a plentiful supply, from the Latin fundere to pour out; Lamb, Farenell to Tobacce: "Africa, that brags her foison/Breeds no such prodigious poison." GALINGALE

(b) The aromatic root of certain East Indian plants of the genera Allpinia and Raempferia, formerly much used in medicine and cookery: "The warm and pumpent roots of the greater and lesser gallagale are used by the Indian doctors in cases of dyspepsia." GLEEK

(b) To jest or gibe, to trick or circumvent, of obscure origin, possibly a diminuity of gies, Shakespare, Heavy V: "I have seen you gleeking and galling at this gentlemen twice or thrice."

OBITUARIES

INGE HENDERSON

Inge Henderson, a teacher of the Alexander Technique to performing artists, died on September 4 in London aged 72. She was born in Austria on March 6, 1920.

INGE Henderson, teacher of the Alexander Technique, a system of body awareness that helps people, particularly performing artists, to give of their best, advised many great names during her career.

Born in Innsbruck, she was the second daughter of Baron Frederick von Schey, of a distinguished, ennobled Jewish family. Her mother was Anny Schindler, a well-known actress at Vienna's Burgteater and a cousin of Alma Mahler. Her childhood was spent amid Vienna's cultural purple, the house full of artists of all sorts, especially musicians. Early in the 1930s her mother decided to emigrate, eventually settling in England, the lure being its "progressive" schools. At 13, Inge, already polyglot in Italian, French and, of course, her native



German, was soon to acquire a remarkable command of idiomatic English.

Initially trained as a dietician, she was later to read medicine at Oxford. By then, she had married Bill Henderson, an architect, who was posted to the Middle East for

Adel Rootstein, who created the modern shop

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on September 20 aged 62.

She was born in Warmbaths, South Africa, in 1930.

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Adel Rootstein used to say

she came from a long line of

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in the small South African spa

town of Warmbaths, where

her Russian parents had a

small hotel, and came to

London at 21. She got a job as

Aquascutum. Two years later

she married her boss. Rick

Hopkins, and started a small

business in a basement in

Earls Court making display

department props.
It was the early 1960s and

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much of the second world war. Subsequently, she turned seriously to singing, having lessons here and, when it became possible again, in Vienna.

Her experiences as an aspirant soprano led her to study the Alexander Technique, a psycho-physical method of controlling posture and the correct use of the body. Initially a pupil of Dr Wilfred Barlow, she decided to become a teacher herself, instructed by his wife, Marjorie, niece of the technique's founding father, F. M. Alexander. This became her life's work. After her marriage broke up in 1963, she concentrated wholly upon Alexandrianism. She was loosely connected with the Barlows for the rest of her career and introduced the technique in particular to per-forming artists, especially

Her list of pupils read like a roll-call of the great and good. The appointment of Alexander teachers to the Royal College and Royal Academy of Music and to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art could, at least partly, be ascribed to her example, and to her understanding of the pressures and stresses to which artists, young and old, are subject.

Her Highgate home, with its Bechstein piano associated with Edwin Fischer, a family friend, was much visited by musicians from the Continent, and was often used as a rehearsal studio. In later years, she travelled extensively, and was often to be found in a tent at the Barga Summer School of Opera in Tuscany. Latterly, she took under her wing the choral scholars of King's College. Cambridge, and the music scholars of Eton.

Strikingly handsome, with a personality to match, charismatic and commanding, Inge Henderson collected people, children as well as adults. Though not a woman to trifle with, her heart was big, quite unfazed by pretention and

empty convention.

She is survived by her daughters, Tessa and Kathy.

HENRY DARWIN

Henry Galton Darwin. CMG, a leading member of the London conference on Yugoslavia, died on September 17 aged 62. He was born on November 6, 1929.

WHEN Lord Carrington was looking for an international lawyer to join his European peace mission to Yugoslavia, the name of Henry Darwin topped the list. He was tailormade, it was said, for the task ahead. Darwin had not long retired from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as second (in effect the deputy) legal adviser, after a distinguished career in Whitehall. He had served at the United Nations and in Bonn and was an experienced international negotiator. After being present at the birth of the law of the sea conference, he had worked for the European Commission secretariat in Brussels at a formative time in the development of European external policy. He had also contributed to an important report on the peaceful settlement of international disputes in 1966 and to another on frontier issues four years later.

Not only that, but Darwin was fascinated by both European history and maps (which together seemed to sum up the Baikan problem) and was a gifted linguist and philologist. Shortly after being plucked from retirement to join Lord Carrington, he was seen to emerge triumphantly from a bookshop clutching a volume entitled Serbo-Croat at Your Fingertips.

Darwin was to become a

valuable member of the peace process, both under Lord Carrington and more recently Lord Owen. He became a chairman of one of the conference's working groups, that dealing with the succession of states' rights and obligations a crucial issue when larger countries are split up. The subject was among those on which he was an authority and he was able to draw on a



wealth of knowledge and experience.

Darwin, who made two visits to Yugoslavia, including one (dressed in a flack jacket) to Sarajevo, was under no illusions about the complexities. But he never gave up hope of a peaceful agreed solution. Few knew more about how to achieve this than

Henry Darwin was born in Edinburgh, a great-grandson of the author of Origin of the Species; his father, Sir Charles Darwin, FRS, was an almost equally distinguished Cambridge scientist who had worked with Rutherford on splitting the atom, had been at one time master of Christ's College, Cambridge, and had ended up running the National Physical Laboratory in

Young Henry was the first non-scientist in the family. He went to Marlborough, from where he won a classics schol-arship to Trinity, Cambridge, (the family college) after nat-ional service in West Africa with the West Kent Regiment. He passed with first class honours after 12 months, but then switched to law in which he had to be content with a lower second. A Cambridge contemporary and subsequent life-long friend was Douglas Hurd, the present foreign SECTEDATY.

Darwin practised briefly after being called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn, but was so passionately fond of travel that he found a conventional lawyer's life too restrictive. Applying to the Foreign Office, he therefore joined as an assistant legal adviser in 1954.

He served at the British Embassy in Bonn, 1960-63, trying to work out restination issues left over from the second world war and compensation claims involving British troops in West Germany. Then, after four more years in London, he was posted, at a month's notice, as legal counsellor to the UK mission at the UN in New York

Three years after his return came another foreign posting, this time to Brussels as a director-general in the EC secretariat legal services. Britain had just been admitted to the Community and Darwin was one of those seconded to help fill the country's quota of EC appointments.

He spent the rest of his career, from 1976 onwards, in Whitehall, becoming second legal adviser in 1984 and retiring on reaching 60 five years later. He had to overcome the disappointment of missing the headship of his department. But he found solace in teaching the juniors coming up after him. He had a fine reputation as an instructor.

He contributed to both the British Year Book of International Law and the American Journal of International Law and had been planning to write his own book before collapsing while at work in the

Foreign Office. Fair-haired and 6ft 5ins tall, reticent, good humoured and kind, Henry Darwin was sometimes described as the archetypal Englishman. He loved poetry, especially Gerard Manly Hopkins, and music — particularly Mozart. He once said that if he was ever down to his last £100 he would spend it on a ticket to Glyndebourne. But his greatest pleasure of all came from his family.

He is survived by his wife, Jane, whom he married in 1958, and by three daughters.

APPRECIATIONS

Ffransis Payne

READING the obituary notice of Ffransis Payne (September 14) took me back to the late 1920s when one summer's evening a young man appeared at the door of my late father's vicarage at Lianliwch near Carmarthen.

This young fellow was none other than Ffransis Payne, who had ridden his bicycle loaded with all his worldly goods, including many books, in two panniers. He had travelled from a parish in Cardiganshire, where he had been employed as a farm worker, bearing a letter to my father from the incumbent of his parish.

We offered him hospitality which he declined, preferring to bivouac in the vicarage grounds.

My father, Ffransis and myself had long discussions well into the nights that fol-

lowed and he amazed us by his knowledge of Welsh history, which was self-taught, and at the same time he was learning Latin and Greek.

A job happened to be going at Spurrells, the printers at Carmarthen, for a proof reader revising a Welsh-English dictionary. My father saw great potential in this young man and, as he was friendly with Spurrell, Fransis was offered the work. Later, as autumn approached, he moved into an artic room at the printing works.

A year or so afterwards, a well-known antiquarian, one George Eyre Evans, offered him the post of curator of the Camarthen museum where he catalogued the items. Here he had time to study Welsh folklore and the Welsh classics, preparing himself for

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Lt-Cdr Dennis Copperwheat

DENNIS Copperwheat (obituary, September 14) joined HMS Indomitable in the middle of 1951. It was a ship's company led by officers who had made their mark in the war. Vian, the last man to hoist the Union Flag whilst a seagoing commander-in-chief, the heroic captain, Manley Power and many others. It was not, however, a particularly happy ship because of the preponderence of unwilling sailors recalled to duty as a result of the Korean

Amongst this illustrious company, after more than 40 years I well remember the impact that the arrival of Lt-Cdr Copperwheat made on the lower deck. We were soon



ship, cheerfulness and cameraderie. A shipmate to remember with gratitude and

B. R. Outhwaite

Christopher

Trace

IN FAIRNESS to the memory of Christopher Trace (obituary, September 9) and for the sake of his family and friends, could I nail once and for all the myth that Chris left Blue Peter because the BBC was concerned about his marital problems?

During the summer of 1967 Chris was asked to join a feature film company as writer, assistant director and production manager. After nearly nine years as a television

presenter this seemed an exciting development and an offer he felt he could not refuse.

He certainly did not leave under any kind of a cloud. indeed, BBC Television's controller of programmes at that time was convinced Blue Peter would flounder without him. In fact, it was the film company that collapsed, leaving Chris jobless and minus his life savings - a tragedy from which he never fully

> Biddy Baxter . Editor, Blue Peter

Dai Vernon

DAI Vernon (obituary, August 31) performed stage magic. but his own love was close-up magic, especially close-up card magic. The world of card magic is a small world, but in that world Dai was not only a genius, but the cause of genius n others.

Wherever he lived, New York, California or London, would become the centre of creativity in card magic.

big egos; but Dai never seemed interested in the reputation of Dai Vernon - he was much too interested in magic. Dai produced the best when

required, but he would let his hair down — he would fumble and curse through some halfremembered trick in order to illustrate a point to a beginner. It was this infectious and unselfish enthusiasm that made him not only admired.

Alexander Elmsley

1898

Small worlds often contain

SEPT 22 ON THIS DAY

Caedmon (fl 670-80) is a ootnote in the study of English literature; the poet who sang his praises (Alfred Austin. 1835-1913) is now equally forgotten.

CAEDMON MEMORIAL

Yesterday, in beautiful weather. an interesting ceremony was performed in the ancient parish churchyard at Whitby on the occasion of the unveiling of a monument to Caedmon, the first English Christian poet. The scheme for raising a monument to the father of English poetry in the town in which he dwelt whilst the Saxon monast flourished there under the rule of St Hilda, was originated last year mainly through the instrumentality of Canon

The site of the monument is close to the parish church in the churchyard and near to the top of a flight of 199 steps which leads from the rown up to the ancient abbey of St Hilda.

Mr Alfred Austin, the Poet Laureate, was then called on by the chairman to unveil the memorial and to deliver an address. He said: "When I arrived I was invited, partly no doubt by reason of the ancient office I have the honour to fill, and partly, I believe, because of my own Northern blood, to

"I confess I for a moment felt some hesitation as to what ought to be my reply. Memorials and monuments to distinguished forerunners of our race have during the last few years been raised with so much lavishness, and so little discrimination, that a feeling almost of repugnance to their multiplication has been growing up in the public mind; and in that sentiment, I must allow, I have had my share. But. on reflection. I came to the

that, if their works attain an adequate standard of excellence, these of themselves constitute an enduring and sufficient monu-ment. But Caedmon occupies a peculiar and exceptional pos-ition. Chaucer has been called the "Morning Star of English Poetry," but it seems to me that the designation would be more aptly applied to Caedmon, since.

that warrants the erection of a

"Speaking generally, I should say that, of all men, poets stand

least in need of statue, tablet, or

visible record to his memory.

with the prologue to the Canterbury Tales, the glorious sunight of English song already illu-minated the horizon. "But the somewhat rudi-mentary verse of Caedmon has all the tentative and hesitating character of yet imperfect dawn. He is the half-inarticulate father of English poets yet to be, and it is, as I understand it, not only to the lipsing ancestor, but to his full-voiced descendants in this island throughout all time, that this memorial cross has been crected. For, if we look closely

and carefully into the circumstances of his life and seek the cause and origin of his singing. we shall find that Caedmon serves, in all essentials, as the very type of the poet in all ages and all lands. "To begin with, he was un-

lettered. I am aware there have been learned poets, though Milton is perhaps the only English poet of consequence who could so be described with any approach to accuracy. As a rule, poets have but small erudition, but large understanding; to understand rather than to know, to be wise rather than erudite. being the distinctive mark and mission of the poet. Very little learning equipped the greatest of English poets for universal apprehension, and Caedmon, his remote predecessor, was lumber of learning, and therefore all the more impressionable to the two main earthly sources of poetic inspiration, external na-

ADEL ROOTSTEIN



become out of date. Adel Rootstein's path was now clearly marked. She would

the day started peopling the shop windows - Sandy Shaw.

make realistic mannequins modelled from life.

suasive, broke new ground in other directions. She claimed

SEBASTIAN Flyte of Brideshead

Revisited may have kept his teddy

bear until manhood but things have moved on since then. Aris-

tocrats now send their mursery toys

That was how the Duke of

Westminster's large cuddly hippo. wearing blue striped pyjamas.

found itself in the stables yesterday

in a 500-lot clearance sale of

unwanted items from Eason Hall.

the duke's family seat near

The duke, the richest man in

Britain, bought it at a charity

auction but, too big for the nursery

at the newly restyled hall, the four

foot high hippo became lot 377

estimated to make between £10

to Sotheby's.



Joanna Lumley, Janet Suzman, Joan Collins, Patti Harrison and Susan Hampshire, as well as modish young women from London society. Lady Caroline Percy. Lady Mary-Gaye Curzon, Lady Jacqueline Rufus Isaacs. The Duke of Northumberland did not object to his daughter Lady Caroline, taking up this unexpected line of work but asked her not to use her title.



New male mannequins were needed, too, so Patrick Lichfield, Simon Ward and Jeremy Brett found their replicas glowering at them through the plate-glass, too. Adel Rootstein, diffident but per-



So the beautiful people of



Joan Collins, the actress, modelling for the mannequins made by Adel Rootstein in her likeness

to have made the first high fashion black mannequin and, a little later, the first oriental mannequin.

The figures were modelled from life and then cast in fibreglass. Wig-makers and make-up artists added the finishing touches and the final effect was eerily realistic. Rootstein's mannequins had navels and nipples and she

paid particular attention to

body language. The figures stood, sat and lounged about as if leading an intense life of their own. Her husband joined her at

an early stage and before long they had factories, offices and showrooms in London and New York and agents all over the world. Adel Rootstein claimed to have 20 per cent of the world market. She and her husband

tract was that the business should continue as before. The new owners accepted that Rootstein was no longer playing an active role. What she was doing, in-

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Anne of Cleves, fourth wife of Henry VIII, 1515; Philip Dormer Stanhope, 4th Earl of Chesterfield, statesman and writer, London, 1694; Michael Faraday, chemist, London, 1791; Dame Christabel Pankhurst, suffragette, Manchester, 1880; Sir George Stapledon, pioneer of grassland science, Northam, Devon, 1882;

Erich von Stroheim, actor and film

owned the business entirely

until this year when they sold

it to Yoshichu Mannequins of

Japan, a company that had

been making Rootstein man-

nequins under licence for

some years. Part of the con-

director, Vienna, 1885; Paul Muni, actor Lemberg, Austria. 1895. DEATHS: Johann Agricola, Lutheran reformer, Berlin, 1566; Ivan Vazov, poet, Sofia, 1921; Sir Charles Santley, baritone, London, 1922: Frederick Soddy, chemist, Nobel laureate 1921, Brighton. 1956; Oliver St John Gogarty. surgeon and writer, New York,

The coronation of George III. 1761, Proclamation of the French Republic, 1792. 265 miners lost their lives in the Gresford pit (near Wrexham) disaster, 1934.

1957: Irving Berlin, song writer.

Fishermen have trawled up a section of gun deck and ammu-nition believed to be from a warship off Dunwich, Suffolk.

Appointments Latest appointments include:

Mr Michael Rodney Burr to be a circuit judge, assigned to the Wales and Chester Circuit. Mrs Corinne Bennett to be the

stead, was fulfilling a lifelong

ambition. She had left school

at 14 and had always regret-

ted her lack of a formal

education. At 40, a successful

businesswoman, she had gone

to night school to taken O and

A levels. Then, four years ago

at 58, a petite, shy woman in a

1960s bob, she enrolled at the

She took her final degree in

Slade School of Fine Art.

new English Heritage Cathedrals Architect, from November 1. Mrs Bennett, senior partner with Purcell Miller Tritton and Partners in Winchester, will deal with applications made under the cathedrals grant scheme and the care of cathedrals measure.

Professor Gillian Beer, Professor of English at Cambridge Univer-sity, to be a trustee of the British Museum.

Mr Paul Judge, Professor Vicki Bruce, Mr Bill Daniel, Nr Norman Glass. Dr Jeremy Harbison to be members of the Economic and Social Research Council.

Church news

Diocese of St Asaph The Rev Charles Ian Day, Vicar of Minera, has been nominated as Vicar of Mold.

The Rev Dr John Richard Guy, non-stipendiary priest, diocese of Bath and Wells, has been nomi-

Church in Wales

nated as Incumbent of Betws Cedewain, Tregynon and Uanwyddelan.

unveil this most lovely cross.

conclusion that there is something in the story of Caedmon ture and the human heart. . .

and former Indian civil servant, left estate valued at £425,612 net. Miss Margaret Pamela Hope, of Lower Basildon, Berkshire, personal legatees and the residue equally between the Jockey Club Charitable Trust and the Racing

frey Williams, of Chippenham. Wittshire, left estate valued at Mrs Edith Mary Peck, of Worthing, West Sussex, left estate valued at £852,368 ner.

Mr Graham Stephen Paul Carden, of Westminster, stockbroker with Cazenove and Company, left estate valued at £5,830,061 net. He left a charitable trust worth £648,000 and to relatives.

Catherine Hilda Cole, of Edgware, north London, left estate valued at El 300,800 net. She left the entire amount equally between the League of Friends of Edgware General Hospital, and the League of Friends of the Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital, for the purchase of coaches, and St John Ambulance, to buy ambulances. Sir Percival Joseph Griffiths, of Sunningdale, Berkshire, author estate valued at £567,157 net. She left her racehorse and £181,000 to

and £15. It sold for £253 to Mrs Sue Welfare 1 rities. Metcalfe, promotions manager for Licutenant-Colonel David Geof-Silent Night Beds in Colne, Lancashire. The sale offered relics from all four stages of Eason's development ranging from the Gothic hall of 1825 to the Modernist house of

Sale room Day the duke lost his hippo

By JOHN SHAW

1973, which has recently been refaced in local pink sandstone to resemble a medium-sized French

The top price of the day was £18,700 for a George IV mahog-any six-poster state bed in Gothic style by William Porden which was bought by an American (pre-sale estimate £10,000-£15,000). The bed was purchased on behalf of the Gerald Arthur Rolph Foundation of New York and will be going to Allerton Park, near Knares-borough, North Yorkshire, one of the most important Gothic Revival

houses in Britain. A white and inlaid marble chimneypiece carved with a relief hounds went for £23,650 (pre-sale estimate £15.000 to £25.000). Twenty-two leaded and stained glass panels, some decorated with the Grosvenor arms, made £12,650 (estimate £1,000-£2,000)

The sale was estimated to make

between £100,000 and £150,000

☐ The Korthaus collection of rare Meissen porcelain, formed be-tween the late 1940s and 1968 by a German couple took the honours in a £775,148 sale at Christie's. The 68-lot collection covered

Meissen from its earliest produc-tion in about 1710 to its great refinements of 1750 and expected to fetch about £500,000. It made £613,910 in competitive bidding with only 19 items left unsold. Early white wares were in demand and a Bottger flared beaker-vase from 1718 made £49,500 (£10,000-£18,000). A chinoiserie table-bell and stand from 1730 made the top price of £77,000 (£40,000 to £50,000). It was one of only a few of its kind to have survived intact.

☐ A George Medal awarded to James Clark for heroism during

the rescue of victims from the Piper

Alpha oilrig disaster in July 1988 sold for \$4.950 at Phillips in

London. It was bought by the arts

Aberdeen City Council

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Molyneaux makes history with talks in Dublin

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

JAMES Molyneaux yesterday became the first Unionist leader in 70 years to negotiate in Dublin with Irish ministers about the future of Northern

The leader of the Ulster Unionist Party had more than four hours of talks with government ministers, in the lat-est round of negotiations on the future of the province. The talks concentrated on the obstacles to building new relationships between the north and south, with Unionists demanding that the Republic should change its constitution, which claims territorial juris-

Two die in chemical plant blast

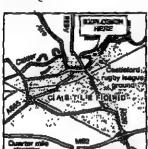
Continued from page ! number of agricultural prod-ucts, including fertiliser, and

photographic products. Dr Fyfe said: "Thank God it was lunchtime. At this stage we have no idea what went wrong. It was a routine maintenance operation that has been carried out countless

times in the past."

The explosion destroyed a prefabricated building used as an office and started fires in a four-storey office block 150 yards away. Flames rose more than 250st into the air, and a pall of smoke started to drift towards the town.

Sheila Malanszak, whose home overlooks the plant. said: "There was a huge bang. It sounded like a supersonic jet. I raced outside to see debris being hurled into neighbouring fields. It must have been thrown more than a quarter of



diction over the province. Mr Molyneaux made no comment when he left Dublin Castle last night after his historic meeting with John Wilson, the deputy prime min-ister, and David Andrews, the

foreign minister.

The discussions, which were also attended by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the secretary of state for Northern Ireland, and by representatives of the Social Democratic and Labour Party and the Alliance party, were described as "brisk and

businesslike".

Padraig Flynn, the Republic's minister for justice, said that the negotiating process had been enhanced by the talks. He said: "Every day's business helps the process along and every day new things are said and new ideas are but forward."

Although the Democratic
Unionist Party, led by Ian
Paisley, boycotted the meetings, the Dublin government said the discussions had been "very positive". Mr Andrews said: "I would like to think that every day progress is being made. I would think that happiness abounds in Dublin Castle."

Before the talks began, Mr Andrews had said: "It is a historic day by any standards but we don't want to be emphasising the historical nature of it because we have to take account of the sensitivities of the other participants, and particularly the Unionists, in coming here." Mr Molyneaux had flown to Dublin in a plane chartered by the British gov-ernment. He ignored shouts from the media and walked into the building with other members of his delegation.
Inside the castle Mr
Molyneaux joined British and Irish ministers and representatives of the Alliance party and the SDLP at the start of three days of discussions. Th plenary session was held in George's Hall, and the Ulster Unionist delegation sat beween British ministers and Sir Ninian Stephen, the chairman of the talks.

Outside the castle there was a small demonstration warning the Irish government against any attempt to remove the territorial claim from the



Pop ballet: principal dancers Olga Kulko and Victor Blinnikov model new Bolshoi Theatre T-shirts which will play a part in an international promotion organised by a Scottish company. Sporting Partnships UK

Major attempts to defuse revolt over Maastricht

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time the prime minister sought to dampen the enthusiasm of the Euro-sceptics for the decision to float the pound. It was no "panacea" and the battle against inflation would be tough.

Mr Lamont, who returned from the IMF meeting last night, will set out the framework of the government's new approach to tackling inflation on Thursday in the Commons debate on the economy. This is expected to include a higher profile for the kind of monetary targets used until the mid-1980s.

Three items will dominate the special EC summit, which will be held in London, probably in mid-October: reform of the ERM. Denmark's objec-tions to the treaty and the need to respond to popular fears about the direction of the EC. Mr Major, who spent 20 minutes discussing the French vote with Helmut Kohi, the German chancellor, yesterday, plans meetings with several EC leaders before the

emergency summit.
Herr Kohl and President
Mitterrand will try to inject
new momentum into the Community today when they meet in Paris to examine the aftermath of the French vote and the monetary crisis. Their action will not amount to any renegonation of the Maastricht treaty or undercutting other member states but will be directed at making Community institutions more answerable to the people, Elysée Palace sources said. They could also seek to give sharper definition to the principle of subsidiarity, and set out plans for opening the community to

new membership. Herr Kohl and M Mitterrand agreed on the meeting in a telephone call yesterday. The Elysee said M Mitterrand was acutely aware that the result showed the electorate believed the community had grown beyond democratic control. The Elysée also made it known that M Mitterrand had taken note of opinion polls showing that most voters elections or resign ahead of the official timetable.

Herr Kohl is facing a growing all-party lobby that is demanding that the German parliament be given the power to opt out of European mone tary union. While Herr Kohl wants urgently to press on with ratification of the treaty, support is gathering for those who want to slow down the

planned introduction of EMU by the end of the century.

In New York the European Commission president Jacques Delors said any atrempt to rewrite the Maas-micht treaty would open up a "Pandora's box". Addressing reporters just before a meeting of European foreign minis-ters, M Delors said the question of whether Britain should also have a referendum "is the

business of the British people". Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, said in New York last night: "Maastricht is not for renogiation. The process of ratification must follow all the deadlines previously envisaged. The French refer-endum does not have to hamper the process."

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Bright side of Lamont

Continued from page 1 policy-making without the straitjacket of the ERM. Even the British remarks about Germany had lost their sting. Even Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, no longer seemed to be viewed as a saboteur and oppressor, but perhaps as a friendly liberator.

Certainly there were no signs of regret from Mr Lamont himself about leaving the ERM and allegedly being cast into the slow lane of a "two-speed Europe". A jour-nalist asked the Chancellor if Britain would now be left behind in a two-speed Europe.

"Our policy is nothing to do with two tiers or two speeds," fundamentals are what matter. What matters is having sound finance, low inflation and good growth. That has nothing to do with ERMs and currency targets."

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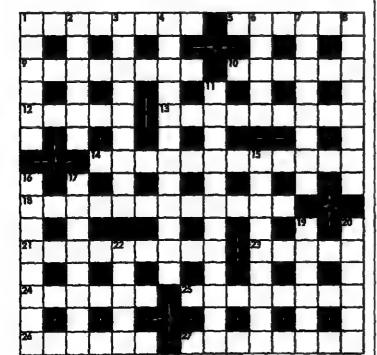
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He might have added, but did not, that another thing which matters is getting base rates down to 8 per cent by the time he speaks to the Tory conference on October 8.

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ACROSS

- 1 Extremely dever, but hateful (8).
- Science" (Carlyle) (6). 9 Bull-headed chap, a youngster without character in Crete (8). 10 Minister in the Magic Circle (6). 12 The way to ventilate this sort of
- case (S). 13 One arriving in good time for breakfast (5.4).
- 14 Foul-mouthed lighter than a feather (12). 18 Ram alcohol into the sweet (12).
- 21 Harris, George and I guiding the ship of state? (9). 23 Tree indicates start of Christmas in the neighbourhood (5). 24 Ruth, starting at university, be-comes snobbish (6).



25 Climber knew a round song (8). 26 Insect nesting in mesh or net 27 Flora Poste's cousins, abandoning tot, are exposed (8).

I It takes about a minute, he believes, to clean the windscreen

Instruction book for organ key-

board (6). 3 Tea cartel involved in dispuse (9). 4 Tennyson's joint office (12).

6 Batting place needs filling (5). One in a temper gets hurt first in a match (8).

8 Song by a dwelfer near the springs of Dove is heard with clarity (8). 11 One getting up from a well-

sprung mattress (12). 15 Wizard bagpipe player bears an English name (9). 16 Bad habit one puts up with inside is intolerable (1,3,4).

17 Cabaret artiste becoming thinner (8). 19 Vehicle needing a lot of bodywork? (6). 20 Bait badger (6). 22 Use timer switch to cut corners

Concise Crossword, page 7 Life & Times section

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard CANTLE

b. A segment or section

c. To argue passion FOLSON

2. Abomies

GALINGALE

a. An aband At arounds root

c. An old piece of han GLEEK a. An early golf club

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WEATHER

Northern Ireland and northwest Scotland will become brighter after a cloudy start with scattered showers. Eastern Scotland will have some heavy rain, but brighter weather will come from the west, although not reaching the Northern Isles until late. A dull start in England and Wales, with showers, heavy and prolonged at times and perhaps thundery in the east. The

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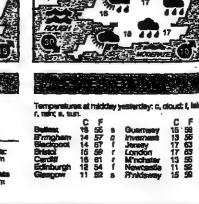
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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL



MULTI-TIER



Wolfgang Münchau argues that a multi-tier system in Europe is a reality after the French ves vote and sterling's ERM suspension

THINK SMALL

Smith New Court is extending its dealing service to cover a wide range of shares in smaller companies

FAMILY TIME



TVS Entertainment has agreed to a £38.2 million takeover offer from International Family Entertainment Page 19

MOVING UP

MAI, the money broking to media and information group. managed a 7 per cent rise in full-year profits

LAW TIMES



David Pannick takes a look at the important issue of how to tackle sex discrimination in immigration law

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THE POUND

US dollar 1.7125 (-0.0310) German mark 2.5456 (-0.0644) Exchange index Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base 10% 3-month interbank 9**9*** 3-month eligible bills 8**8** US: Prime Rate: 6** Federal Funds 3**** 3-month Treasury Bills: 2.92-2.91*** 3-year bonds, 98***

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RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 138.9 August (1987 - 100) Don ves much trading price Currency markets still in turmoil

Pound slumps to record closing low

free the franc, the Danish crown and Irish punt from the

pressure that built up within

the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) after Britain and Italy

pulled out of the parity grid

THE pound plumbed new depths, despite a generally calmer mood, as currency dealers sought direction from France's narrow ap-proval of the Maastricht treaty and a confusing spate of comments from finance ministers and central

The London stock market was 44 points ahead by 10 am in expectation of an imminent base rates cut. But the Bank of England signalled no change, pricking the bubble. The FT-SE 100 closed at 2,560.1. down 6.9. In the money market, the key three month interbank rate softened to 9 per cent, a point below current

HELMUT Schlesinger, the president of the Bundesbank,

lent his endorsement yester-

rally support for the franc after

the narrow Yes vote in

Speaking in Washington as

currency traders reported

heavy selling of the French

currency against the mark,

Herr Schlesinger said that the

franc was not at present "par-

ticularly strong" but that it remained a "healthy and sta-ble currency". He added that

he saw "no great tensions" in

the exchange-rate mecha-

nism. The realignments and departures from the system

last week had considerably

Herr Schlesinger's public

support for the franc, which

stood in contrast to the

Bundesbank's frequently ex-

pressed scepticism about the

nound and lira, was explained

by German bank officials as a

matter of economics, not poli-

ERM, he added.

France's referendum.

In late trading, the punt, hurt by sterling's tumble, was quoted over two and half pfennigs below its absolute ERM floor of DM2.6190, despite intervention. The lira remained under pressure and will not re-enter the ERM

today, as originally planned. The franc touched 3.423 to the mark, close to its ERM floor of 3.4305. But supportive comments from Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank ase rates. president, plus intervention by the French vote failed to the Bank of France, averted

tics. The franc could not be

described as unstable or over-

valued against the mark, said

one, since France had a cur-

rent account surplus and low-

er inflation than Germany. The Bundesbank's soothing

comments about the franc

reinforced upbeat statements

in Washington by numerous

European finance ministers,

while the International Mone-

tary Fund's policy-making in-

terim committee called on

members to improve the

balance" between their mone-tary and fiscal policies to facilitate a narrowing of inter-

est rate differentials across the

Atlantic. This appeared to be

directed premarily at

IMF's managing director,

said that America should

begin to increase its rates as

soon as its economic recovery

was firmly under way. His

comment was dismissed by

American officials as unrealis-

tic and irrelevant.

Michel Camdessus, the

Bundesbank chief

backs the franc

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which currency analysts now expect to escape devaluation.
With expectations of large

cuts in base rates undiminish ed, sterling had no support. It dropped to DM2.5456 at the official 4 pm London close. This record closing low repre-sented a fall of almost six and half pfennigs since Friday and one of almost a pfennig and a quarter since yesterday's

Against an overall softer dollar, the pound lost ground, closing at DM1.7125, down closed at 83.6, down 1.9 point

Avinash Persaud, currency analyst at UBS-Phillips & Drew, said the market was now convinced that Britain will not be re-entering the ERM for the next 12 months at least, which is likely to cause the pound to overshoot on the downside. He expects it to be below DM2.50 by the end of this year, but some analysts foresee as low as DM2.20.

on interest rate policy, which included reassurance that the Bundesbank was sticking to medium-term price stability.

In remarks that appeared directed at Britain, Herr Schlesinger said that the ERM does not need reform, as long as participants refrain from holding unfair expectations of their partners, includ-ing lowering interest rates.

lending rates slightly yester-day, reflecting reduced tension in the wake of the French referendum. Non-ERM Sweden also lowered its marginal lending rate to 50 per cent from the draconian 500 per cent imposed last week to

almost a cent from the openbelow Friday. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell to 83.5 at 11 pm, its lowest since the index was rebased in 1989. It

Herr Schlesinger's remarks

provided no clear guidance as to when German interest rates would be lowered.

The Dutch and Belgian



Virgin and Dan-Air deny talk of merger

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

VIRGIN Atlantic and Dan-Air yesterday denied that they were in talks about a possible

A spokesman for Richard Branson's airline said: "There has been no, discussion between Virgin and Davies & Newman with regard to a merger of the two airlines, nor has Virgin received any proposal regarding such a merger or other equity participation." David James, chairman of

Dan-Air, said the only talks he had had were "intermittent dialogues over the past two years." He added: "There are no dialogues in hand beyond such minimal levels, and certainly nothing which would justify talks of a merger." Dan-Air is, however, press-

ing ahead with its attempts to find an airline, or financial institution, that would invest sufficient cash to enable the airline to continue operating its charter and scheduled ser vices this winter and throughout next summer's peak holiday season. Those who have been approached, including British Airways, have

failed to sign an agreement. Mr James is likely to announce a pre-tax loss this year despite forecasts that the airline would make a profit. One suggestion that was

discussed with Mr Branson was that Virgin should create a short-haul European airline of its own using leased Dan-Air aircraft and slots that Dan-Air would then abandon at Heathrow and Gatwick Mr Branson made it clear that he would not be prepared to spend much money on the venture, which he would take up only if others backed him. The scheme would have allowed Virgin to test the validity of running a shorthaul service to feed passengers onto its more lucrative longhaul services.

Mr Branson applied to the Civil Aviation Authority for licences to serve Inverness. Maastricht and Athens, while holding talks with Dan-Air about a possible deal. As yet, Fresh start, page 21 there is no agreement.

Sears gives up menswear and sells Fosters chain

BY MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR £30 million in cash outflow

SEARS, the Selfridges to Free-man Hardy & Willis and Saxone shoe shops group, has pulled out of menswear retailing. Its 350 Fosters and Your Price shops have been handed to their management in a deal that is actually costing Sears £40 million, and which Sears is helping to finance — it could end up with a 17.5 per cent stake in Fosters Menswear, the buyout vehicle.

Liam Strong, Sears's new chief executive, said the dis-posal of the menswear division was part of the group's "aggressive programme of recovery and development". He ness is relatively small and was not going to be an area of significant growth". In fact, it has been losing money for the past two years, running up a £9 million trading loss last year alone, on sales of £128 million, and a further £5.3 million in the first three

months of this year. The division has cost Sears over the past 2½ years. Mr Strong, former BA marketing director, said: "Even if we'd got it right, we'd have had only per cent of the market, and that at the bottom end. We'd rather concentrate on sectors where we have the lead." The menswear business is

ment, led by David Carter Johnson, the managing director, and Geoffrey Taylor, for-mer group chief executive of Midland Bank, who will be non-executive chairman. Foster Menswear is financed by Hambro European Ventures, th 40 ner cent of the equity. and Sears itself, which is subscribing for convertible preference shares. The remaining 60 per cent of the ordinary shares will be split between the board and staff.

Mr Carter Johnson said his strategy will be to "strengthen Fosters' value for money reputation", concentrating on casual wear, and getting out of

suits and sportswear. Sears owns 94 of the properties from which Fosters trades, but these, in the books at £51 mil-lion, are excluded from the deal and will be sold by Sears as part of its property disposal over the next 12-18 months.

Of the \$40 million extraordinary cost; £29 million relates to asset write-offs and El I million to trading losses and redundancy payments. A further £42 million of goodwill, written off at the time of Fosters' acquisition, in 1985, is now being written off through the profit and loss account, in accordance with and re-credited to reserves. Adams and Millets, both

part of the Fosters group acquired for £115 million in 1985, and both market leaders, are being retained. Mr Strong denied he was contemplating selling Selfridges, the flagship central London store.

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IoD urges 8% interest rates

BRITAIN'S bosses are urging Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, to cut interest rates to 8 per cent. blaming his failure to do so for the continued instability of sterling in the world currency markets. Dr Ann Robinson, head of

the policy unit at the Institute of Directors, said that the overriding priority was for the government to establish an economic policy. "It is important that the government takes firm action to show that it has an economic policy to get the British economy moving again.'

She said the government has already left it "a bit late", saying interest rates should have been cut last week when Mr Lamont pulled the pound out of the exchange-rate mechanism. Dr Robinson said: "The

government has to have an economic policy. It was relying on the prop of the ERM, now it is on its own. She added: "Business needs

to see that the government has some policies. Dr Robinson said the government needs to show it has a

By Patricia Teran real grip on current govern-

ment spending and to make it clear that high pay demands from teachers and other public sector employees are "totally unacceptable". The Institute of Directors is

also calling for an independent Bank of England. Bill Morris, general secre-tary of the Transport and

General Workers Union, said Britain is now "the sick man of Europe, with a rudderless government and a shattered economic base." He called for



an emergency summit for trade unions, employers and the government to tackle rising unemployment. The Transport and General

Workers Union's executive committee has produced a five-point recovery plan, including a cut in interest rates. Increased spending on transport and investment in housing and construction. Following a meeting yester-

day, the Transport and Gener-Workers Union's executive said: "The chaotic events of last week have left Britain with a government without an economic policy in the middle of the deepest recession in 60 years. The industrial base of our economy has been shattered in pursuit of an economic strategy which has now been

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When money can't buy you money

By Jon Ashworth

TOURISTS unlucky enough to have to visit a foreign exchange counter in the past few days will be relieved to learn that the financial world is returning to normal ... slowly. But anyone travelling to Italy, Spain or France may find special

measures are called for. For the first time since bedlam broke out in the currency markets last Wednesday, tourist rates are being widely published once more. Yet with the markets the way they are, rates may be out of date by the time they are published

in the morning newspapers.

Barclays Bank, which provides The Times with a daily guide to tourist rates. provided some quotations on popular currencies yesterday for the first time in nearly a week. But the bank insisted on a "risk warning" that rates could change

dramatically overnight. Barclays normaly issues rates at 2.30 pm for publication the following morning. But the volatile trading conditions of the past few days have thrown the system into disarray. A Barclays spokeswoman said:

Because rates are so volatile, we have not been setting them until 7.30 in the morning. We will go back to normal when things calm down."

One reader who called Barclays yesterday morning, wishing to change American dollars into French francs, was told he would not be able to do so. Bardays said: "That should not have happened; it isn't the case. We should be able to offer a full currency service like normal." However, Barclays is advising customers travelling to Italy, Spain or France to take local currency rather than travellers' cheques due to the volatile conditions. Lloyds Bank issued its rates for the day

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at 9.40 am yesterday, ten minutes late, but said there were no reported problems with customers wishing to change currency. National Westminster Bank reported no problems. Some of the wildest currency swings

were experienced on Thursday. Thomas Cook, the travel group, displayed rates throughout the day in its 334 branches but could only offer "rates on request" for the frane and lira due to the speed with which the market was moving.

Thomas Cook provides a fixed daily rate to Midland Bank, Alliance & Leicester and other building societies, and has to absorb any resulting losses caused by currency swings. American Express requires customers to come into a branch before providing firm rates, but said it had not turned anyone away.

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Bristol & West cut profits by 65%

PROVISIONS for mortgage debt cut the profits of Bristol & West, the tenth largest building society by 65 per cent in the first half of the year.

The society reported yester-day profits of £13.1 million compared with £39.2 million in the same period last year. This is largely the result of the society quadrupling provisions from £7.2 million in the first half of last year to £29.7 million. In the year to December 1991 it had reported profits up 11 per cent despite the housing market depression. The current figures also

reflect the society's adoption of the standard way of providing for interest loss. Last year it was hidden in net interest receivable and provisions were stated as £2.9 million.

In the past the Bristol & West has made lower provisions than other societies of similar size but it denies that it underprovided in previous years. On December 30 it took over the ailing Cheshunt Building Society and for the



FitzSimons: pessimistic

of the smaller society. The repossessed properties of the Cheshunt are concentrated in the South East and reflect the

poor housing market there. Management expenses also increased by more than 10 per cent from £50,3 million to £55.6 million. Tony Fitz-Simons, chief executive, sald this was partly the result of absorbing the Cheshunt's

cost of its new financial centres and expanding its debt management service. He is pessimistic about the short term property market. There are 150,000 to 200,000 properties overhanging the market that must be sold before normal conditions return, he said. Sir John Wills, chairman.

said: 'The board has comprehensively reviewed its requirements for provisions in accordance with current and emerging best industry practice. In the light of a continuing high level of mortgage arrears, a sharp reduction in the value of repossessed houses and future market uncertainties, provi sions have been substantially increased. The society is also continuing to address the level of management expenses, the growth of which reflects mainthe consequences of earlier decisions to invest in new facilities and expand into new

"It may be that there is now an opportunity for the government and the industry to address the underlying mal-aise in the housing market."



Bouncing back in style: Michael Harris, Helene chairman, announcing a profit rise

Helene flourishes in fashion

By MICHAEL TATE

AN ABILITY to switch its sourcing to take advantage of the best available prices enabling Helene, the clothing supplier, to overcome the economic conditions.

Turnover rose from £33.2 million to £36.7 million in the first half of 1992, was still

room hopes that it could continue to increase in the

remaining months of the year. Profit margins have im-proved, and pre-tax earnings, sharply down a year ago, have improved from £706,000 to £812,000. In the absence of extraordinary items, net earnings have surged 26.7 per cent

paying an unchanged interim of 0.65p a share, as forecast at the time of the June £4.58

million share issue. The funds were raised to Harris, the chairman, said the group's strengths were its sales and sourcing abilities, which allow it to produce throughout the world at the best possible prices.

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BCCIHK starts to unfreeze deposits

THE Hong Kong arm of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International has started to send cheques to its 35,000 depositors whose funds have been frozen since the bank was closed more than a year ago.

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The Bank of Credit and Commerce Hong Kong, closed in July 1991 amid a global financial scandal, is returning all funds to those who had US\$12,820 or less in its vaults. Larger depositors are to be sent an initial cheque for 41 per cent of their money. The payments are in line with a proposal accepted by the Hong Kong bank's creditors on September 1 and approved two weeks later by the colony's Supreme Court. A bank spokesman said large depositors would eventually receive 70 per cent to 75 per cent of their funds back, but that may take several more years.

Ross surges ahead

ROSS Group, the rejuvenated car security and packaging group, announced a leap in pre-tax profits from £101,000 to £1.35 million for the six months to end-June. The figure includes a full six-month contribution from Stellar, the car alarms company acquired by the group for £10.8 million in November last year. Group turnover was up nearly three times, from £8.5 million to £23.5 million. Earnings of 0.73p compare with a 0.15p loss per share for the first-half last year. The interim dividend was raised from 0.15p to 0.2p. The shares fell 1p to 25p.

EC jobless unchanged

UNEMPLOYMENT in the European Community was 9.5 percent in July, unchanged from June but still at its highest level since 1988, according to Eurostat, the EC's statistical agency. It estimated the number of unemployed at 14 million. The number of unemployed has risen 50 per cent in Denmark, 33 per cent in Britain, and between 5 and 10 per cent in the Republic of Ireland, France and Italy. It has fallen 30 per cent in the Netherlands, and between 15 and 20 per cent in former West Germany, Spain and

Tuskar meeting sought

suspended in August at 1p, faces the prospect of a new direction and a changed board. John Lord, a Dublin stockbroker, has requisitioned an extraordinary meeting to remove certain directors. He intends to redirect the business away from natural resources interests. Tuskar says his plansare not in the best interests, and that the board's energies would be better directed towards having Tuskar's shares relisted. The date for the EGM has to be decided.

Microvitec in profit

MICROVITEC, the information systems and services group that took over Logitek, a rival computer company, last year, is back in profit. The highly geared group made a pre-tax profit of £62,000 in the six months to end-June (£2.2 million loss). Turnover doubled to £25.5 million (£12.5 million) on the back of the Logitek acquisition and gearing, which peaked at 84 per cent in December, remains at 72 per cent. Earnings per share are 0.1p (loss 4.8p) and there is no dividend (nil).

Alchem agrees offer

UNITED Drug, the Dublin pharmaceutical distributor, is making an agreed offer for Alchem, the largest pharmaceutical wholesaler in Northern Ireland. The offer values Alchem at IrES.16 million (ES.30 million). The deal will create a group with a turnover of Ir£1 10 million and pre-tax profits of almost Ir£3.5 million, making it the largest pharmaceutical wholesaler in Northern Ireland and the republic and one of the largest in the UK. United Drug is offering 13 new shares for every 8 existing Alchem shares.

Russell group falls

ALEXANDER Russell, the Glasgow quarrying group in which Royalty Finance, a Swiss-registered Arab consortium, holds a 15.67 per cent stake, says weaker demand for building materials saw pre-tax profits fall from £908,000 to £621,000 in the six months to end-June. Turnover was higher at £18.7 million (£18.2 million). The interim dividend is held at 1p a share. Net earnings were 0.68p (14n) a share

Dinkie Heel steps up

DINKIE Heel, the toecap and shoe-repair products maker, lifted pre-tax profits from E90,000 to £110,000 in the six months to end-June. Additional exports helped to lift turnover to £3.4 million compared with an adjusted level of £2.9 million after stripping out turnover of £701,000 relating to the Enterprise Group that was sold in 1991. Earnings per share were 0.67p (0.55p). The interim dividend is maintained at 0.35p a share.

Job prospects still poor, says survey

By Patricia Tehan

ANY marked improvement in job prospects is still some way off, and staffing levels are likely to carry on falling between now and the end of the year, particularly in London and the South of England,

according to Manpower. A survey of employment prospects from the recruitment consultant says the effect of recession on jobs is becoming geographically more uni-form. Nationally, 18 per cent of the 2,028 organisations that responded to the survey are forecasting a decrease in staffing levels in the last quarter of the year, compared with 17 per cent forecasting an increase, a net balance of minus 1 per cent.

Although this is a slight improvement on last year, when there was a net balance of minus 3 per cent, confidence has fallen since the spring, when a positive bal-ance of 6 per cent of companies forecast that staffing levels would rise.

London and the South are still suffering the most. A negative balance of 5 per cent of companies in the home counties expect more job losses and a net 3 per cent of employers based in London expect to lose staff. The figures

are, however, more favourable than last year, when a net 9 per cent balance of London employers forecast job losses The biggest improvement comes from firms in the North East, where a net balance of I per cent expect to recruit staff.

expecting to cut jobs at the same time last year.

Jobs in public building a local government are still fair ing, though prospects are orighter than last year. Manu facturing employers, including the chemicals sector, are more positive. The services sector, transport and distribution have seen the bigges improvement in prospects with a net 11 per cent of employers expecting to create jobs. Insurance companies are

The North West is the worst affected region, a net balance of 12 per cent (5 per cent) of employers expect to cut jobs. In Scotland, this quarter, a ne 4 per cent (2 per cent) balance, of companies hope to create jobs. In South Wales, employ ers are similarly hopeful. a ne 4 per cent balance forecasting an increase, compared to a ne I per cent forecasting a de-

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TVS board backs £38m bid from US family group

TVS Entertainment, the television broadcasting group that last year failed to win a new franchise for the South and South East of England, is unanimously recommending shareholders to accept a takeover offer from America's International Family Entertainment (IFE) group.

IFE, which is owned by Pat Robertson, the evangelist, and his son Tim, approached TVS "some months ago" and has now made a bid worth £38.2

million.

IFE has already received acceptances from certain TVS shareholders in, including France's Compagnie Générale des Eaux, giving it 31.3 per cent of TVS's voting rights, though the deal can only be formally concluded next January, when TVS's current broadcasting licence expires.

TVS shareholders are being offered either 0.041195 of B

Edinburgh **Fund falls** to £1.9m

The combined effects of a slump in unit trust trading profits, lower interest rates and higher administrative costs have left first-half pre-tax prof-its at Edinburgh Fund Managers 23 per cent lower at £1.9 million for the six months to

end-July.
Colin Ross, the chairman, gave warning that the decline in earnings for the full year is likely to be comparable with that in the first half. However, the company's strong cash position has allowed it to hold its interim dividend at 5p. It

also intends to recommend an unchanged final of 8p. The company won £100 million of new business in the six-month period, partially offsetting the impact of the fall world stock markets in sterling terms. As a result, funds under management declined only 3 per cent to £1.844 billion.

Lloyd's offer

Lloyd's underwriters are offering a new product offering up to £50 million insurance protection against pension fund theft in the wake of the Maxwell scandal. The Lloyd's policy offers "first party" cover, allowing reimbursement once the underwriters have established that a theft has taken place and removing the need for civil legal action or a criminal conviction before payment can be made.

Refuge rises

Refuge Group has reported a 14 per cent rise in long-term insurance premium revenues to £108 million for the six months to end June. Regular premiums rose 12 per cent to £17.9 million and single premiums 35 per cent to £26.5 million. General insurance premiums rose slightly from £6.5 million to £6.6 million. An interim dividend of 9.6p (9p) has been declared, costing £4.94 million.

Shorts designs

Shorts, the Belfast subsidiary of the Canadian aerospace group Bombardier, will design and manufacture the fuselage and tailplane of a new business jet, the Learjet 45, securing about 800 jobs. The contract has an estimated val-

common stock in IFE for each TVS share held, valuing each TVS share at 25p, or 23p in cash. TVS shares yesterday rose from 183 p to 21p, having earlier traded at 27p. IFE shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, but not in London. The deal is seen as sensible for both parties.

MTM Entertainment holder of the rights of Hill Street Blues, which TVS bought for £191 million in 1988, has proved a cash drain on the company. In the six months to end-June, MTM reported a pre-tax loss of £5.7 million (up from a £2.4 million loss in the first half of 1991). TVS says it is not appropriate to commit more substantial funds to MTM for new speculative production in

Rudolph Agnew, the TVS chairman, said: "During the course of 1991 and earlier this year, the directors explored with a number of parties the possibility of selling MTM. Those discussions were inconchisive but at no time was there a prospect of achieving an acceptable price".

IFE owns and operates The

Family Channel, an advertiser-supported cable television network that reaches 54 million of a possible 59 million cable households, representing 92 per cent of all cable households and 59 per cent of all television households in America IFE will use MTM's libraries to extend its interests in America, and is expected to use its TVS platform in Maid-stone, Kent, to develop planned European channels.

TVS added yesterday it earned pre-tax profits of £7.6 million in the six months ended June, against a loss of £10.9 million, but that it still had a deficit on the profit and loss account that prevents the payment of dividends.

Looking to the future: Rudolph Agnew, chairman of TVS Entertainment, considered selling MTM this year Bryant bucks trend

with 97% advance

BY MATTHEW BOND

housebuilding division rose 73 per cent to £15.6 million

and were struck after £2 million of land bank provisions.

Despite buying 800 new plots, the company continued to benefit from the £38 million

rights issue two years ago.

Gearing rose from 5 per cent

to 8 per cent. The final dividend stays at 3.4p, for a maintained total of 4.8p.

Construction had a particu-

larly good year, with operating profits rising from £2.6 mil-lion to £4.6 million.

Sales from the group's commercial property division were £24 million. Provisions of £3

million were taken against the

group's remaining properties, which have a balance sheet

value of £52 million.

BRYANT Group has bucked the dismal trend in results from housebuilders with a 97 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £20.3 million for the

year to end May. There was a 25 per cent increase in the number of houses sold, and Chris Bryant, chairman, described the result as a "notable achievement" in a competitive market. Nor had the company relied on sales incentives or part exchange deals to boost sales. "Our policy continues to be to offer a well designed and constructed product in good locations at a realistic selling price."

Bryant's average selling price fell from £90,000 to £86,000 and stands about £23.000 adrift of selling prices three years ago.

Operating profits from the

Charterhouse report played down by RBS

ROYAL Bank of Scotland is playing down reports that it is close to a sale of its Charterhouse merchant banking arm to a French-led consortium.

Charterhouse has been for sale since early this year, but speculation at the weekend that a sale was expected soon was "over the top", sources said in Edinburgh. The reports said that the consortium was headed by Crédit Com-mercial de France (CCF), the French bank.

Royal confirmed yesterday that discussions had taken place with "a number of interested parties, which may or may not lead to an offer being made for all or part of the capital of Charterhouse". It added that no announcement was imminent. Royal

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shares closed unchanged at 163p. Charterhouse was originally put on the market to enable it to develop its European business.

CCF already has a close relationship with Royal through the Edinburgh-based bank's Inter-bank On line Royal is thought to be worth

between £200 million and £250 million compared with net assets of about £180 million, but analysts were unim-pressed with the possibility that it might soon lose one of its more highly regarded sub-sidiaries. Hugh Pye, an ana-lyst at Robert Fleming Securities, said that a sale price of below £225 million would be disappointing, and he expressed doubts about the wisdom of the disposal.

Opec and BP moguls battle against EC

THE chief executive of British Petroleum and the general secretary of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries have joined forces to dismiss the European Community's plan to impose taxes on oil imports to reduce the degree of global warming from carbon dioxide

Opec's Dr Subroto questioned the scientific assumption on which the global warming theory is based, while BP's David Simon agreed with Dr Subroto that the Community simply wanted to find a way of raising more money.

The European Community wants to slap the \$3 a barrel tax on oil imports from 1993 and raise it by \$1 a year until the year 2000. This could raise an estimated 60-65 billion ecus, equivalent to £45 billion

a year.
"We suspect (an energy tax)
is not for environmental purposes, but more for collection of increased revenue," Dr Subroto said at the opening session of the World Energy Council's congress in Madrid. Mr Simon said he was not

against taxes as such, "but I do object when taxation is justifled on spurious or dishonest grounds." He added: "How many of the so-called environmental taxes which are proposed from time to time are merely an excuse for raising revenue? Or for protecting one fuel against another?"

Dr Subroto said: "Opec's views on the environmental issue are clear. We welcome any measures taken in the interests of securing a cleaner, more harmonious environment. But we deplore the politicisation of the issue and the imposition of measures based on questionable scientific evidence and prejudicial intentions.

"Is global warming indeed taking place? ... And, if so, is it due — in part, in its entirety or indeed at all - to fossil fuel burning?

Mr Simon urged greater study of what he called "market-related instruments" to improve the environmental record of the energy industry. instead of taxation. Whether we like it or not, investment cannot take place in industries whose profitability is de-stroyed by regulation or by taxation; or by consumers whose personal wealth suffers the ravages of taxation or non-

The stakes, however, are high. No less an authority than Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the former Saudi oil minister who now heads the Centre for Global Energy Studies in London, has said the tax would cut demand for

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crude oil by 20 per cent.

The oil industry believes the energy tax would boost demand for alternative sources of energy, including hydro-electricity and windmills.

News Corp expects more gains

RUPERT Murdoch, chair-man and chief executive of The News Corporation, said the international media group, which owns The Times, expected to repeat its performance in the year to end-June of improving profitability while its main markets en-dured recession. "We see substantial growth in earnings in the coming years — which could be accelerated if our economic prognostications prove to be pessimistic."

In his annual report, Mr Murdoch said that after raising A\$3 billion in cash, equity and long-term debt to strengthen its balance sheet. News Corp's pre-eminent goal was to achieve an investmentgrade rating.

He said: "News Corporation is institutionally commit-

ted to the proposition that fortune favours the brave. We believe it, and we act on it, and it works for us. It requires more intense management discipline and a more pene-

Generators join the protest against new coal contract

By Patricia Tehan

GOVERNMENT hopes of persuading British Coal, the power generators and the electricity distribution companies to come to a quick agreement on a new coal contract appear to be fading as all sides begin to question the

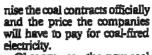
National Power and PowerGen are understood to have joined the regional elec-tricity supply companies in voicing their concerns about the amount of coal they would be expected to take under the new contract and the price they would have to pay.

A new five-year contract, to replace the generators con-tract with British Coal which runs out in March, was due to have been signed last Wednesday. But after two of the supply companies objected to it, others began to raise concerns.

Now the generators are raising their own objections, particularly over the volume of coal they are being asked to coal they are being asked to take. They are also concerned about their ability to pass on this coal-fired power to the supply companies at acceptable prices.

Meanwhile the supply companies are continuing to must

panies are continuing to question the amount of power they would be expected to take under the deal and its price. They also want Offer, the electricity regulator, to recog-



Observers say the new coal contract is unlikely to be signed this week and could be delayed until after the Conservarive party conference next month where Michael Heseltine, the trade and industry secretary, had hoped to unveil the government's privatisation plans for British Coal. One source said there is a lot

"pushing and shoving" going on as the two sides press their cases. He said two weeks ago it



BRITISH FUNDS

million tonnes supplied this

But after two of the supply companies questioned the difficulties in understanding

The government desperate-ly needs to see the five-year contract signed if it is to begin its privatisation of British Coal on schedule as planned for the

considering a new, more gen-erous redundancy package, but a decision has been delayed after last week's withpublic spending.

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quick signing of a heads of agreement for a five-year con-tract whereby British Coal would provide 40 million tonnes in the first year, de-creasing to 30 million tonnes for the following four years. That compares with the 65

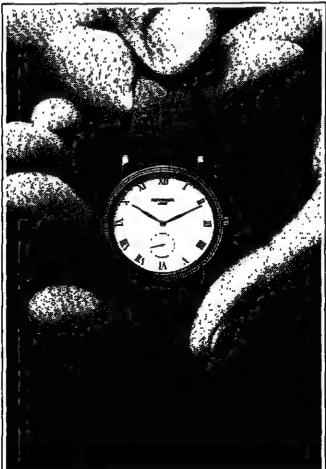
deal, said the source, now "all sides seem to be finding what they are expected to take in terms of tonnage and

Talks on a new redundancy package for the tens of thou-sands of British Coal employ-

ees likely to lose their jobs The Treasury had been

drawal of the pound from the exchange-rate mechanism, intense criticism of the govern-ment's economic policy and renewed calls for a curb in

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INVESTORS continued switching out of the longer end and into shorts as the bond market faced up to another

day of contrasting fortunes. The prospect of an imminent cut in bank base rates has seen the yield curve drop sharply, particularly at the short end where prices continued to make headway.

Simon Briscoe, economist at Greenwell Montagu, said: "There is a growing realisation in the market that bringing down interest rates will provide a substantial benefit to the short end." But the pound's persistent

weakness has led to concern about rising inflation. This left prices at the longer end of the market nursing falls of more than £1, with Treasury 84 per cent 2017 down £12 at £9513/32. The opposite was the case in shorts where Exchequer 102 per cent 1997 rose £12 to £106.

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MAI reaps devaluation benefit

money and equity markets should have given MAI, the money broking to media and information group, a flying start to its current financial

Because it is the volume of money, rather than rates, that really counts, and since MAI has a high level of overseas profits and US dollar turnover in Britain, the group will also benefit from a devalua-

tion of sterling.

MAI, where Lord Hollick. the Labour peer, is managing director, managed a 7 per cent pre-tax profits increase to £71.2 million in the year ended June, the fifth consecutive year of growth, on a turnover that was 8 per cent higher at £389 million. Of the pre-tax total, £44 million was generated by wholesale broking activities, against £39.6 million previously.

Results were helped by a rise from £7.9 million to £10.4 million of net interest. and net earnings that rose from 12.6p to 13.7p a share permit a rise in the total distribution from 5.5p to 6p.

Not everything went MAI's way last year and Avenir, Europe's leading outdoor and free-sheet advertising group in which a 15 per cent stake is held, was not left unscathed by the recession in Europe. But MAI did make money out of property — £3.4 million pre-tax, against £2.3 million a year earlier - and its financial information company won a number of new long-term supply contracts from which profits are expect-

ed to flow this year. Looking into 1994, and MAI should be seeing profits starting from its 61 per cent of Meridian Broadcasting, which in the recent round of TV franchises won a broadcasting licence for the south and southeast of England, to be taken up in January. MAI plans a £30 million investment in Meridian.

MAI had year end net cash of £100 million, and pre-tax profits this year should advance to £80.3 million. At 1264p, the shares trade on 8.1 times prospective earnings. They do not look dear.

Brent Chemicals

BRENT Chemicals, the speciality chemicals group, is un-abashed after making a £15.6



Fifth consecutive year of growth: Lord Hollick, managing director of MAI Group

million cash call in November and issuing a profits

warning in January. It hopes it demonstrated to shareholders that it knew what it was doing at the time. They should be better pleased with half-year pre-tax profits for the year to the end of June up by 39 per cent to £6.4 million and an effectively maintained dividend of 1.60p.

Indeed, Brent is contemplating further acquisitions in aerospace electronics or packaging: either one of £10 mil-lion or two of £5 million Brent has a strong balance sheet, with £4 million of net cash, but that is likely to be whittled away by deferred payments for acquisitions. The tax charge at Brent is

down to a more usual 36 per cent, after it rose temporarily at the year end to 48 per cent because of an ACT problem. Earnings in the half year have risen from 4.4p to 5.3p. On full-year forecasts of million, against £5.2 million before tax for 1991 earnings are expected to rise from 2.9p to 10p. At least the

expected same-again full-year

dividend of 7.3p will be cover-

ed this time. The shares rose 8p to 140p yesterday after the results — high enough for now. At that level they yield a prospective 6.95 per cent and stand on a multiple of 14 times earnings. Yesterday's price compares with the one for four call at 120p. But with a third of profits in Germany and a quarter in America Brent will be hoping for help from the foreign exchanges, which cost £300,000 in the

Bryant Group

To raise volume and margins in the current housing market is not so much a neat trick as a miracle. But Bryant Group has done it, confirming its standing as one of our premier housebuilders.

That said, the virtual doubling in pre-tax profits in the year to end-May to £20.3 million flatters a little to deceive, with construction contributprofit, against £2.6 million. But although both this and commercial property made housebuilding figures that demand closer examination. For while Persimmon recently got it all wrong by opening new sites in anticipation of a recovery that never came, Bryant's solution was to increase activity at each site, relying on quality and competitive pricing to sell more houses. It worked.

Although average selling prices fell from £90,000 to 86,000, the numbers sold rose 25 per cent to 2,330. With costs under tight control and land bank provisions fall-ing from £8 million to £2 million, the division saw operating profits rise from £9 million to £15.6 million and operating margins from 5.7 per cent to 7.9 per cent.

Both construction and property generated cash, so the investment that swelled the land bank to 10,000 sites made a negligible impact on the balance sheet with net borrowings of £15.6 million giving gearing of 8 per cent.

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STOCK MARKET

Lively trading as investors pin hopes on base rate cut

SHARE prices experienced another volatile session with investors continuing to pin their hopes on a cut in bank base rates this week.

Speculation in the Square Mile centres on a one-point cut to 9 per cent, but the Chancellor did not appear to be in any rush yesterday to

After a cautious start to the new two-week trading account, with 15 companies among the top 100 going exdividend, share prices recovered, and before long the FT-SE 100 index saw a rise of more than 44 points in anticipation of cheaper money

But after the Bank of England indicated that there would not be any cut in interest rates, for the time being at least, prices came off the boil as the market gave further consideration to the narrow majority of the "yes" vote in the French referendum

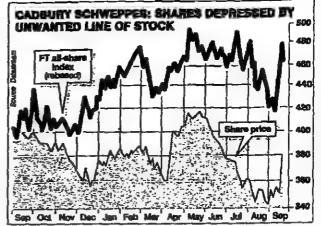
on the Maastricht treaty. By late afternoon the index had lost all its previous gains and was rursing a loss of 13 points as Wall Street also kicked in lower after the weekend break. The index eventually closed off the bottom, 6.9 lower at 2,560.1.

Turnover again reached a healthy level with 953 million shares changing hands. There are still plenty of buyers although they are finding the going far from easy.

Market-makers are under intense pressure to cover existing short positions. They are trying to force prices lower in order to cover those positions. Because of the stock shortages, the bulls are finding it increasingly difficult to trade in any significant size. The stock shortages are

becoming increasingly apparent among the big dollar earners with further gains for Resters, 9p to £12.37, Welkome, 30p to 963p, Bowater, 20p to 813p, Bass, 14p to 570p, Gainness, 23p to 538p, ICI, 18p to £11.55 and Lasmo, 12p to 160p.

However, there are signs pared to release stock and take profits after the strong gains of the past few days. A large programme trade was recorded in late trading that succeed-



ed in depressing the rest of the market as a number of large lines of stock went through the

These included 1.2 million Forte, down 7p at 154p. 1.2 million BP, up 4p at 2182p. 1.2 million BT, 5p better at 352p, 1 million British Gas. 2p firmer at 235p, 1 million British Steel, up 34 p at 67p, 2.5 million Burton Group, down 12p at 402p, 1.7 million Regalian Properties, up harder at 4p, 1.4 million Perkins Foods, 2p cheaper at

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turned from its brief suspension 24p better at 21p after announcing terms of an agreed bid from IFE, the US cable television company. 1FE is offering £38 million for

Tony Brook, TVS managing director, said the group had not entered into takeover talks with other parties. TVS returned to the black at the halfway stage, announcing a

European Motor Holdings firmed 1p to 74p, helped by a strong buy recommendation from Wise Speke, the stockbroker. It reckons the group's strong management will get the best out of recent acquisitions and this will provide a strong boost to earnings. This has, so far, failed to be reflected in the share price, which has underperformed the market by 15 per cent in the past year. Wise Speke expects the trend in the price to be reversed during the next six months.

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Cadbury Schweppes, the confectionery and soft drinks group, was a dull market after the shares went ex-dividend. But the price was further depressed by claims that a large line of stock, possibly amounting to 5 million shares, was overhanging the market.

firm market, gaining 7p to 546p despite whispers that one broker has downgraded its profit estimates for the group and is urging clients to switch into Thorn EMI, 2p higher at 747p. Henderson Crosthwaite, the stockbroker, has been urging clients to do

Rank Organisation was

pre-tax profit of £7.6 million compared with a loss last time of £10.9 million. The group is due to lose its independent television franchise at the end of this year.

T. Cowie, the motor distributor that recently lost a battle to win control of rival Henlys, firmed 2p to 141p. Tom Cowie, chairman, has sold 1 million shares worth an estimated £1.38 million. It reduces his holding in the company to 8 million shares, or 6.35 per cent.

Bryant Group, the house-builder, climbed 9p to 90p after bucking the trend and reporting full-year figures showing little signs of recession. Pre-tax profits were dousale of 2,330 houses, an increase of 25 per cent on the previous year. The average price of a Bryant home fell 5 per cent to £86,000.

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There was selective support for the rest of the building sector amid mounting hopes that the expected cut in bank base rates will be enough to pull the industry out of recession. This was also in spite of fears that the government is ready to make further cuts to public spending.

Gains were witnessed in Amee. 7p to 80p. Abbey, 5p to 65p. Ashtead. 5p to 95p. 65p. Ashtead. 5p to 95p; Barcom, 3p to 92p, Bellway, 9p to 229p. Bellwinch, 3p to 17p. Crest Nicholson. 2p to 34p. Higgs & Hill, 2p to 41p. How Group, 3p to 26p, Alfred McAlpine, 6p to 89p, Persimmon, 3p to 186p. in ex-dividend form, Tilbury Douglas, 29p to 433p, Westbury, 4p to 54p, Wilson Westbury, 4p to 54p, Wilson Connolly, 5p to 119p and George Wimpey, 7p to 104p. John Laing A was another firm market, climbing 12p to

160p after going ex-dividend.
The building supply companies also attracted support in the belief that a move to lower interest rates will stimulate the industry. Meyer International added 17p to 210p. Travis Perkins 15p to 131p. Wickes 2p to 82p, Wolseley 8p to 371p, Anglian Group 6p to 198p, Baggeridge Brick 3p to 56p, CRH 8p to 225p, Hepworth 3p to 91p, Hey-wood Williams 16p to 170p, lbstock Johnsen 4p to 55p. Marley op to 91p, Marshalls Sp to 63p, Newman Tonks 9p to 103p, Pilkington 2p to 90p, Spring Ram 5p to 140p; Rugby Group 6p to 205p exdividend, and Tarmac 3p to

Banks lost some of their recent sparkle. Barciays eased 2p to 344p. Lloyds 14p to 435p. National Westminster 12p to 334p, Abbey National 22p to 300p, Standard Chartered 1p to 437p, and TSB Group 7p to 132p. But there was selective support for HSBC. 9p up at 396p, Allled Irish, 7p up at 175p, and Bank of freland, 5p higher at

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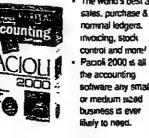
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Paris - Disappointment over the narrow majority in favour of the Maastricht treaty in Sunday's referendum triggered profit-taking that drove cading shares sharply lower.

With the franc's weakness likely to postpone hopes of a long-awaited cut in interest rates, the CAC-40 index ended 56.88 points, or 3.02 per cent, lower at 1,826.06. The day's low was 1,824.13. Michel Sapin, finance minister, confirmed the market's worst fears, saying that, although a "yes" vote would allow for the prospect of lower rates, he had never promised a cut.

Frankfurt - Shares slid in a show of investor disappointment over the outcome of France's referendum and the continued uncertainty in currency markets. Traders said the result had dampened hopes for further German

interest rate cuts soon. The mark's unbroken rise in the currency markets was putting pressure on shares of export sensitive sectors, such as cars and engineering, traders said. The Dax index ended 15.47 points, or nearly one per cent, lower at 1,573.86.

L7 Tokyo — Shares surrendered earlier gains to close lower. A public holiday tomorrow and continuing uncertainty in the currency markets after the French referendum kept many investors away, brokers said.

The Nikkei average was down 100.56 points, or 0.55 per cent, to 18,066.24, with about 230 million shares

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COMMENT

arlos Solchaga, the chairman of the IMF interim committee, may have been thinking partly as Spain's finance minister when he linked sterling's return to the ERM, one way or another, to the Maastricht treaty being ratified by Parliament. The suggestion does, however, put some focus on Norman Lamont's conditions for re-entry. Few would argue against waiting until the foreign exchanges have reached calmer waters. There is unspoken self-criticism in the more significant conditions: that the British and German economies should be in better cyclical synch and that there should be greater co-operation in running the ERM.

Sterling's first entry aimed to use the ERM to bear down on inflation at a moment when Britain was already in recession and the Bundesbank was already worrying about the gathering German boom. Any re-entry would need to be at a rate aimed to accommodate remaining short-term differences rather than affect domestic conditions. For mediumterm co-ordination, interest rates would need to be well below those in Germany early in recovery, later rising at least to rates then prevailing in Germany.

Technical co-operation within the ERM broke down during August, when sterling reached the 75 per cent mark on the divergence indicator and Mr Lamont ignored the presumption, under ERM rules, that that corrective action would be taken. If the government thought the required rise in interest rates would merely remind the markets that the economy was too weak to take further punishment, it also knew the game was up for sterling. If other countries are to have an absolute obligation to support a weak currency at the divergence threshold, domestic policy

action must also be obligatory.
In theory, Britain could still have mobilised the money supply of Europe to defend sterling at the floor. It did not dare to do so because Mr Lamont knew the currency was fundamentally out of line and could not survive a French non, however much the Bank of England borrowed for support over six months. This was not a failure of the system but shows that infinite reserves are useless-if the fundamentals are wrong. This lesson will need to be remembered. Even if monetary union eventually got back on track, markets would expect a further general realignment en route. The one lesson that should be learnt in the Bundesbank is that having to create billions of marks for ERM intervention is just as inflationary as domestic money growth and should be given equal weight in setting interest rates.

Urgent Sears

here is a purposefulness about the manner of Sears' withdrawal from menswear that was missing in the past. An ability to clarify objectives was among the qualities that persuaded the sleepy retail chain to lure Liam Strong from British Airways. He did not arrive a minute too soon. The group's 350 remaining menswear shops are swallowing cash at the rate of some £16 million a year. They would have cost still more to turn round and Sears would still have ended up with a business that it did not want, with a tiny share of a cut-throat market. Such was Sears' new-found urgency to act on

a decision that it has helped finance the buyout. Mr Strong will concentrate on the shoe shops, the Adams childrenswear chain, the Olympus and Millets sports and leisurewear outlets and the Wallis and Miss Selfridge chains, all of which are strong in their markets. The City now awaits the answer to the question of the dividend. Mr Strong's deck-clearing provisions will leave too little to cover an unchanged payment this year. Yesterday's 5p improvement in the share price to 69p suggests investors are prepared to allow action to speak louder than dividends.

EUROPEAN VIEW

Fresh start for Europe after a divorce that will end in tiers

Wolfgang Münchau

says that after last week's events, Britain could

find itself on the fringes of a multi-level Europe with a federal core

f the Bundesbank really wanted to put the boot in, why not issue an "unauthorised" view on the following subject is Britain, after the ERM deback and the French Yes vote, going to be in the second division of a two-tier Europe or in the third division of a three tier Ешторе?

The question of the extent of Britain's isolation is not as absurd and condescending as it may seem at first, although on reflection the Bundesbank may perhaps be well advised to stay out of this altogether. One should not kick a man when he is down, especially not if one is deemed, however unfairly, to have put him there in the first place. Those not afraid of the thorny issue

of variable geometry in Europe would consider the above question not nearly so offensive, and perhaps even as absolutely crucial in the debate of Britain's future in Europe. There can be little doubt than Britain at the moment is not only down, but also out; out of the heart of Europe, which John Major thought was Britain's rightful place.

With the suspension of sterling from the ERM — or was it expulsion? - Britain has detached itself from an important aspect of European co-operation, whether intended or not. When the French voted Yes to Maastricht, they indirectly also ensured the survival of the exchange-rate system from which sterling had earlier been suspended, thereby effectively endorsing this detachment.

But there is much more to it than that. Preventing a federal Europe and Britain's isolation was the centrepiece of the government's European policy. This policy, too, seems to have collapsed. And rightly so. Britain now looks isolated, and the Yes vote might even accelerate the speed at which parts of Europe will now move in the federal direction. Were this to happen, it may have

little if anything to do with the Maastricht treaty. Indeed, the treaty may be completely irrelevant. Many observers and politicians now cast doubt on the survival prospects of the treaty after the narrow Yes vote. Ratification will probably facilitate matters somewhat. Maybe the Danes will content themselves with a soleron "we-aii-love-Denmark" declaration: if not, the treaty may have to be completely renegotiated or even dropped altogether.
But in the end, the future of

Massricht may not matter greatly. What matters is whether the Yes vote. will lead to a multi-tier Europe with a federal core in the centre and with Britain and others countries waiting



on the fringes. This brings us back to the question of variable geometry and the extent of Britain's isolation, and

The principal certainty which the French Yes vote has created is the survival of Europe's exchange-rate mechanism, perhaps the most crucial point of all. In the event of a No vote, the ERM and the prospects of a single currency this decade, or even next, would have perished. Financial markets would have erased Euro-pean economic and monetary union from their expected timescale, and would have reacted by rallying into such "safe" currencies as the mark or the dollar. The other European currencies would have come under such pressure that the ERM would have been torn apart by speculators.

The Yes vote not only guaranteed the ERM's survival, but, combined with the exit of sterling and the lira. strengthened it. The system was burdened by the need to keep on board currencies whose underlying economies have clearly diverged from those of the others. This was clear in the case of Britain and Italy. The Bundesbank carried the brunt of this burden when it spent more than DM50 billion last week in currency intervention, an estimated DM35

billion alone to support sterling.
What is also important is that the fall in membership may also have changed the nature of the system. The most fascinating point is that the ERM may not only be a necessary condition for EMU as set out in the Maastricht treaty, but it may even constitute a sufficient condition, obviating the need for a Maastricht

treaty. This would work only on the condition that the members' club is kept small and exclusive. It is especially important for this club not to admit those whose main purpose would be to change the rules of the club, as in the case of Britain, or to break them, as in the case of Italy.

When sterling and the lira were suspended from the ERM, the chances of a non-Maastricht EMU rose considerably. There is nothing new about this kind of Europe. The original six-member EC was such a case. The Europe of variable geometry is the only one to have achieved progress in the past. It will be the only one which will get us out of our ideological mess at the moment.

Under a non-Maastricht EMU, the core ERM currencies of Germany, France and the Benefux countries will be locked into ever tighter bands, culminating in an irrevocably fixed exchange rate, similar to the one-for-seven rate against the mark that Austria adopted in the 1970s and has stuck to ever since.

rom irrevocably fixed exchange rates to a single currency is a relatively small step, requiring only an adjustment of nominal parities. Unlike the Maastricht treaty, it would not require a referendum or a change in the constitution. Even the present currencies could remain, provided they are legal tender in the entire currency zone.

The main difference between the two versions of monetary union is that the non-Maastricht EMU needs no complex and condescending rules

about harmonisation and convergence. There will be no convergence criteria, no rules that set out in a complex formula about maximum inflation levels, public sector deficits or debt ceilings. The economies of the Benefux countries, Germany and France are so closely linked that fully fledged monetary union could be possible well before the 1997 or 1999 dates as set out in the Maastricht treaty. There is no reason for these five countries not to adopt irrevocable exchange rates on January 1 next

year to coincide with the introduction of the single market.

Maastricht has one advantage over the home-grown EMU in that it envisages the establishment of a central European bank. Otherwise we would have to make do with the Bundesbank. The events of the last week have incidentally established. week have incidentally established quite clearly that a future European central bank will now most definitely not be located in London, but in Bonn or Frankfurt.

Where does this all leave Britain? All this may perhaps turn out to be a good thing for the economy; interest rates could come down, and the government can now conduct a monetary policy more suited to an economy in deep recession. But then, it may also turn out a disaster, given the history of British governments to mismanage an economy under whichever system. However, there is little doubt that the chances for an economic recovery are infinitely greater now than they were a week

Whatever the government's official position, sterling will stay outside the system for some time. During this period, the mark, the French, Belgian and Luxembourg francs and the guilder, will stick together and grow ever closer in the direction of a single currency. The Italians may want to join this club, but will only be allowed to do so once the country has sorted its constitutional and economic difficulties. Italy now has the best incentive to get on with the job of carrying out the tough policies needed to shrink the budget deficit and the national debt before being allowed back into the core of Europe

ritain's case is different. It could be a member of the club if it really wanted, but has decided not to do so. Mr Major's demand for an overhaul of the exchange-rate mechanism may be well intended, but it is not clear whether Chancellor Kohl or President Mitterrand would agree. They do not need such a reform for their

Nor does Mr Major. Even ERM proponents have not able to make the case that ERM membership proved to be the right policy for Britain, and it is futile to debate what would have happened if Britain had persisted with ERM membership for a little while longer. The events of the last eight days have shown that Europe is not ready to move into ever-closer union of all its members states. But there can equally be no doubt that Europe is ready for a union of a small group of core countries, leaving the others to choose the extent of their involvement at their own pace and in their own time.

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Duffield settles claim

VIVIEN Duffield, nee Clore,

one of the wealthiest women in Britain, may be interested to hear that her ex-husband John Duffield, fund manager extraordinaire and now running Jupiter Tyndall Merlin. the investment group, has resolved a rather embarrassing case of sexual harassment. Duffield, who is due to be joined at his Knightsbridge headquarters by Lenny Licht, one of the stars of Mercury Asset Management, on a salary of £600,000, yesterday handed over £10,000 — the statutory maximum - in "full and final sentement" of a sexual harassment claim by one of his junior fund managers, Fiona Mills. In a formal statement, Duffield said that he and the company "ac-knowledge that Miss Mills may have suffered stress as a result of conduct towards her which was not in any way intended to cause any stress". They added that they "regretted very much any unhappi-ness which may be caused." The alleged "harassment" was reputed to have involved blue language rather than any-thing physical. As Vivien Duffield once said of her ex-"He's a brilliant fund manager but a lousy husband."

Peak condition

CANARY Wharf has its uses. After a practice run up its 1,200 stairs in August. Colin Harris, an assistant director at Morgan Grenfell, has conquered the more awesome peaks of Mount Kinabalu long enough. It has been open



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(13,500 ft) in Borneo, the highest mountain in Southeast Asia, in aid of the Royal Marsden Hospital Cancer Appeal. It took Harris, 37, 12 minutes 41 seconds to sprint to the 50th floor of Canary Wharf and down again. Mount Kinabalu took six hours and five minutes. "Canary Wharf was useful practice for going up and down, but Kinabalu was not so much about running as surviving." says Harris. His efforts raised £45,000 for the Marsden and he says he is now taking up fell running as a more suitable preparation for future climbs.

Name game

THE Lanesborough Hotel, built on the site of the former St George's hospital and run by Rosewood, the Texas hotels group, is anxious to point out that it was ineligible for the recent Hotel of the Year Award -won by Claridges - because it had not been in existence

for nine months and is nunning at 65 per cent occupancy. The Lanesborough's protestations - which indicate its desire to win the award next year - coincide with revelations that the hotel was once destined to be called The Wilton, Westminster family name. Some of those consulted gave warning, however, that the public might abbreviate it to The Willy, a somewhat undignified nickname for a hotel that charges £2,500 a night for its best suite. The proposal was finally shelved when a site ar-chitect sent all those involved a fax that read: "We can't call it The Wilton 'cos it sounds like The Hilton but if we paint the cracks green we could call it

Stork play

IS THERE a spell on Room 212 at National Westminster's Lothbury headquarters? Paul Lockstone, 29, has become the third NatWest PR man in four years to become a father since starting work in the personal finance press office, which operates from Room 212. Press officer Rob Jamieson was the first to succumb two years ago, followed last year by John Morgan now press officer at Legal & General — and Lockstone's wife Helen gave birth to Sam, their first child, on Sunday. Tim Blythe, deputy head of PR, located in room 213, considers himself safe enough but just-married Mike Vertigans, 32, another inhabitant of Room 212, was looking understandably nervous yes-

CAROL LEONARD

Hidden costs in the price of an international lunch

From Mr John Jannere Sir, Earlier this month, a inncheon for former UN staff was held in Vienna. Each participant was requested to send an international postal money order in advance for

500 Austrian schillings (E25 approximately at that time). Participants from France simply went to their local post offices, gave details as to where the money should be sent and paid Fr25. The transfer was complete and there were no charges in Vienna. Participants from other continental European countries did not report any difficulties.

Participants from the UK. however, faced problems, differing advice and greater expense. Several post offices said not available. Giro could, nev-

fee of £15, but only in sterling as the "exchange rate applicable would not be known". One main post office suggested buying Austrian schilling notes and posting them. Another, sending a UK postal order - which resulted in a second charge in Vienna of approximately £10 for conver-sion. UK banks could handle the operation and charges were usually £15, although one participant was charged £11. Is it correct that international postal money orders are not available in the UK and, if so, why not? The French charge of £2.50 was reasonable, but the UK charges, averaging over 50 per cent of the amount involved, were disproportionate.

Incidently, why is it that,

abuses. However, many of the

"unfair" contracts signed in

the past may have many years

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Yours faithfully,

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ertheless, send the money for a when cheques are presented in a foreign currency to a UK bank, they have to be sent to be "negotiated" and the sterling equivalent is not usually known for some days? The smallest banks in New Zealand, Australia, Andorra, and, no doubt, many other countries, simply refer to their foreign exchange rate lists, up-dated daily, and credit one's account with a specific amount, with value a certain number of days ahead or on UK procedure may be appropriate for substantial sums. but surely is generally unnecessary and inconvenient. Sincerely. JOHN W. JANNERE

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Cooling-off period needed on copier contracts From Mr Paul Winner dealing with future contract

Sir. Ron Young, the chairman of the Finance and Leasing Association, referred in his letter (September 11) to the publicity arising from "cowboy" photocopier salesmen misrepresenting contracts and forcing small businesses. churches, charities, and schools into financial difficulties or liquidation.

The Campaign to Clean up Copier Contracts (CCCC), supported by the CBI, has details of over 2,000 complainants who have fallen victim to this type of photocopier contract. It is estimated that there are 150,000 "Copy-Plan" or costper-copy contracts in existence yielding £1.2 billion per annum to the industry, increasing at 5 to 25 per cent per

The FLA Guidance Notes on Sales Aid Leasing, referred to by Mr Young, do make an important contribution to

Law of economics and price of a pint

Sir, I have sympathy with Mr John Willis's letter (September 15) about the price of a pint in London being different from that in the provinces. Also where he says that prices of supermarket goods do not

I fear it is part of the English law of economics - when sales are down increase price to maintain turnover. It was evident in hotel room prices until recently not to mention over-priced restaurant meals even in recession! Yours faithfully, W. M. REID, 36 St Peter's Square,

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Top banks in South Africa sight Europe

By Jon Ashworth

THREE powerful South Afri- June and will offer a range of can banking groups are making a determined push to raise their profile in Europe. The most recent move came last week when Standard Bank opened a London trading

Despite being overshadowed by events on the money markets, the irony of the move will not be lost on City observers. It is barely seven years since Standard Chartered sold out of South Africa, abandoning a subsidiary that has now come back to haunt it.

In a separate move, Bardays Bank's former South African subsidiary is in talks to buy Henry Ansbacher Holdings, the small UK merchant bank. If all goes to plan, two familiar British banking names will soon have daily reminders of the networks they abandoned at considerable cost.

Standard Bank London, formerly known as Ludgate Advisory Services, was granted a UK banking licence in treasury and corporate finance services. Standard Bank has also acquired the offshore operations of Brown Shipley. the merchant bank, in Jersey

and the Isle of Man. Barclays announced this month that it was selling Allied Trust Bank to Investec. South Africa's fifth-largest banking group, for £25 million. Allied Trust, formerly Allied Arab Bank, has total assets of about £200 million. The purchase gives Investec a presence in Europe for the first

Attention has now switched

to First National Bank, which is in advanced ralks to buy Henry Ansbacher for a reputed £50 million. If the talks succeed, it will be the first time that a South African bank has acquired a British bank. The takeover would need the Bank of England's approval. First National was born after Barclays disinvested South Africa in 1986.

Lloyd's does its duty for seamanship



Keeping up the tradition: Jonathan Jones, with Nelson's log-book from HMS Victory

By JONATHAN PRYNN

THE long tradition of Lloyd's encouraging high standards of seamanship is being revived through a new scheme for sponsorship of merchant navy cadets funded by charitable donations from Lloyd's underwriters and brokers.

Jonathan Jones, underwriter for marine syndicate 329, who devised the Lloyd's Officer Cadet Scheme, said falling standards of seamanship meant about 75 per cent of all marine casualty losses are caused by human error. These high levels of losses have crippled the Lloyd's marine market in recent years.

The scheme, launched last week, will this year sponsor two cadets through their courses at South Shields training college at a total cost of £11,000, of which half will be provided in the form of a government grant. If success ful, the programme will be expanded to sponsor up to 10 cadets. Mr Jones, who is an underwriter with the Octavian managing agency, said he also hoped to open up the scheme to other members of

Lloyd's has long been a stauch supporter of innova-tions such as the Plimsoll line and the Lloyd's Register of Shipping that have helped reduce marine losses.

Smith New Court to extend its dealing service

By PHILIP PANGALOS

SMITH New Court, the stockbroker, is to extend its dealing service to cover a wider range of shares in smaller companies despite contrasting moves by other securities houses.

Smith is to help companies faced with the transfer of trading in their shares from the Stock Exchange Seaq system to the company bulletin board.

Anthony Abrahams, head of UK market making at Smith, said: "We are well aware of the commercial difficulties market makers have in maintaining a two-way quote in shares that are traded infrequently.

"We are also aware of the difficulties that companies and their shareholders may experience in dealing in their shares. We will endeavour to provide this service to our

Smith will initially take on up to 50 extra companies, with the new service due to start next week. A trader at Smith said: "The recession will not be here for ever. We think it is right to maintain the attrac

tion to go public." The news will be welcomed by some smaller companies after County NatWest decided last week to significantly reduce its coverage of second line stocks. It is thought that County could stop making markets in as many as 200 to 300 smaller companies.

County's action followed a similar move by SG Warburg Securities this month. Warburg ceased making markets in 362 small company stocks, with a number of those companies being switched from the main market to the company bulletin board, which provides information to match puyers and sellers of the shares of illiquid smaller companies.

Many of those relegated to the bulletin board are left with only one market maker. A number of companies have criticised the Stock Exchange for failing to deal with the problem of illiquidity. The system has also been criticised by brokers, who say it does little to encourage trading. The Stock Exchange's domestic committee is due to meet improving the bulletin board.

A ray of hope for smaller companies is provided by Winterflood Securities, the specialist smaller companies stockbroker that deals in about 850 companies.

Winterflood has extended the range of companies it covers. and Brian Winterflood, its managing director, is "toying with the idea" that his group could one day become the stockbroker to smaller

companies - all companies". "A lot of these companies have paid a great deal of money to get a quote. People are not getting a good enough service, "said Mr Winterflood.

Mr Winterflood, who believes the time is now right to increase smaller companies involvement, saw signs of increased activity during last week's stock market surges, even among second-line stocks.

He said: "We doubled our bargains last week, although they have been at a low level." We do need a bit of fine tuning to our market if we want to get over this problem of illiquidity," says Mr Winterflood, although he feels we are over the worst. "It's all looking better. In the last six months, the market has been a real cow, but I think we are over the worst and we are in

with a real chance." Philip Meredith, a director of Kleinwort Benson who heads the securities house's smaller companies team, is also optimistic

He said: "Most of the smaller companies have risen with the rest of the market. In the past it has been fragmented. The illiquid part of the market has drifted away."

However, people coming to the market these days have to be in a more developed state than previously. Gone are the days when a company capitalised as low as a few million pounds could come to the market, with the view to obtaining a quote and raising canital.

A more realistic market capitalisation of at least £10 million is likely to be necessary nowadays, given that the cost of coming to the market, even for a relatively small company, will not fall far short of

Marginal rise for Metalrax

By MATTHEW BOND

METALRAX, the Birming-ham engineering group, has continued to defy recession by reporting pre-tax profits of £3.3 million for the six months to end-June, a marginal but nonetheless significant rise over the first half of 1991.

The £13,000 increase in pre-tax profits is the company's 17th consecutive increase and came despite a 6 per cent drop in turnover to £30 million. The interim dividend is increased by 10 per cent to 1p

John Wardle, chairman, said sales were even more difficult to achieve than in 1990 or 1991. The record profits, he said, were proof of the remarkable ability of the Metalrax management team to manage costs, which owes a a great deal to the recommendation of healthy and consistent investment in capital plant and equipment to en-sure the maintenance of profitability". He said shareholders "will not be dissatisfied" with the full year results in March.

Capital expenditure in the first half was 25 per cent up on the same period of 1991. Despite that, the company's cash balances were £3 million higher than a year ago.

Mandarin poised to recover

FROM REUTER IN HONG KONG

MANDARIN Oriental International should record fullyear profit growth in 1992 for the first time since 1989, Si-mon Keswick, chairman, said.

The hotel owner and management company, 50 per cent owned by Jardine Strate gic Holdings, announced a 10 per cent rise in net profit to US\$19.2 million for the first six months. Mr Keswick said: The stronger performance of our hotels in Hong Kong, Manila and Singapore should enable the company to achieve profit growth for 1992 as a whole." He gave no precise forecast but profits had fallen to US\$37.4 million in 1991 from a high of US\$50.4 million in 1989.

Mr Keswick said: "The maor factor in the company's improved performance was the growth of travel both from within the Asia-Pacific region

and from Europe." In Hong Kong, Manila and Singapore occupancy levels were higher but room rates showed little growth and fell in Singapore. Contributions from hotels in Macao and Jakarta were affected by new competitors. Bangkok's result was little changed.

Salvesen completes sale of oil services company

BY OUR CITY STAFF

CHRISTIAN Salvesen, the subsidiary were announced in Edinburgh storage and transport group, has completed the sale of Salvesen (Oilfield Technology), its oil field services subsidiary, for £28.5 million. The purchaser is BJ Services of Houston, Texas.

The net book value of the assets being sold is £15.8 million from which an operating profit of £3.3 million was earned in the financial year to end March.

Under the financing terms, Christian Salvesen receives an initial £13.5 million and £15 million in the form of a 90-day note. The sale proceeds will be used to reduce gearing, which stood at 35 per cent at the March year end. Talks about a possible sale of the Aberdeen

The subsidiary supplies a number of specialist services to the off shore oil industry. including casings for drill holes and well bottom deaning services. However, the oil operations no longer form part of Christian Salvesen's long term strategy, which is aimed at concentrating on its core distribution and hire operations.

Dr Chris Masters, chief executive of Christian Sal-vesen, said: The sale of Salvesen Oilfield Technology is in line with our strategy of focusing on a limited number of activities where we have a demonstrable and maintain able competitive edge."



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	£ (MILLIONS)	% (91/90)
TOTAL ASSETS (including commitments and contingencies)	80,350	+13.2
DEPOSITS FROM CUSTOMERS	31,126	+13.5
LOANS AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS	23,090	+14.5
FUNDS UNDER ADMINISTRATION	49,505	+16.9
GROSS OPERATING PROFIT	761	+ 3.2
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	2,633	+23.7

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If there is only one reason, however, and that reason is purely financial, the chances of success are remote. At first, each side bopes that by joining the other their earnings will improve. As discussions proceed and they reveal their circumstances, the realisation dawns that the gain on one side will equal that the gun on one nor was equa-the loss on the other – however the equation is juggled – and the loser backs off. There have to be opera-tional reasons to merge – financial tional reasons to merge - finan-advantage alone is not enough.

An exception to this role is the break-away. Where parmers find their earnings being depressed by the poor performance of their other permens, they can move to a new firm taking their practice with them and the move will be to the financial advantage of both sides. The equation works in this case because the loss is carried by a third party — the firm which the partners leave. Michael Chambers

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LAW TIMES

Should some people be knighted automatically? Derek Wheatley questions awards for top civil servants, soldiers and judges, but argues the case for the lower ranks



Sir Louis Blom-Cooper: knighted for his public service



Lord Williams of Mostyn:

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Lord Alexander of Weedon:



Sir Richard Gaskell: last president of the Law Society to be knighted

A matter of honours

has indicated that he wants an overhaul of the honours system. He has hinted that if there is one, it might be a scalingdown of the "automatic" honours to the benefit of those who earn them through some particular individual achieve-

So little is generally known, even by recipients, that more openness must be in the public interest, and a review might help achieve it.

Every Englishman More than 120 loves a Lord and would names are love to be one. Or perhaps a received by No 10 each week member of

one of the several other orders of chivalry. How is it done? Who decides who should get what and why? Lindsay Wilkinson, the hon-

ours secretary, provided me with some, but not all, of the answers. All honours are granted by the Queen on the prime minister's advice, but this masks the reality of how names are put forward.

There are several main categories. The diplomatic and overseas list is the responsibility of the foreign secretary. military honours are looked after by the defence secretary, and legal honours by the Lord Chancellor.

Then there is the prime minister's list, covering both political and non-political honours. The non-political list may be of the most interest, as it is a category without limits. Between 120 and 150 recommendations are received at 10 Downing Street alone every week, but the total number of honours given annually from the prime minister's list is fewer than 2,000.

All recommendations should receive equal consideration, and stand the same chance of success, whether made by a refuse collector or a cabinet minister. There is a sifting process but details about it are not forthcoming.

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The robing room attendant at the law courts whose long service, Cockney wit, unfailing good humour and endless fund of very funny, very rude jokes earn him a BEM will have helped many a future judge into his robes. So is he better placed in the honours stakes than his counterpart in some remote part of the country? Miss Wilkinson maintained stoutly that the system is fair for all.

So why are details of the screening process taboo? Would it matter much if the sort of people who are consulted were revealed? The whole system is shrouded in mystery.

A party

and this cannot help the consideration of every deserv-ing case, although I believe every one receives careful consideration. Nobody is pre-pared to explain which factors

A broad division can be made between those honours that receive automatic consideration and those that do not. In the civil service, a permanent secretary is likely to be knighted sooner or later, as is a lieutenant-general in army, or a naval vice-admi-

there is no such accepted threshold for merit shines out on the playing fields, on the stage or in charitable work.

The law does pretty well. At least some parts do. Barristers, who number fewer than 7,000, provide the whole of the senior judiciary. There are 85 High Court judges, 27 lord justices of appeal and ten lords

of appeal.

All High Court judges are knighted, and all chairmen of the Bar are offered a place on the High Court bench, all lord justices of appeal are also appointed to the Privy Council, and all lords of appeal are

They are honoured not because they are barristers, but because they have become judges. By so doing, they have probably made some financial sacrifice. The £97,000 paid to a law lord, the £93,000 of a judge in the Court of Appeal or the £84,250 of a High Court judge is likely to be less than the earnings of a busy QC or an equity partner in one of the

Sir Frederick Lawton, a retired lord justice, has said that "money is not the lure of the bench", and that the prospect of being knighted did

not here him. However, the prospect of legal honours must be an inducement for some who accept promotion to the bench, and certainly it is no

Traditionally, the Bar and politics have gone hand in hand. The rhetoric that is the hallmark of a successful advocate has often been the fourdation for political eloquence and advancement.

It may be harder for a barrister MP to find a parliamentary pair in order to escape from Westminster to take a case in the county court. but the pairing system still enables 58 barrister MPs to



carry on in practice. There are 29 solicitor MPs, too, and this figure itself is a strong representation for any profession. The traditional link between

the Bar and politics is the reason for the large number of political peers from the Bar. The present chairman of the Bar, Lord Williams of Mostyn, is the latest. There are 74 barrister peers, including hereditary peers, and 19 of them sit on the Labour benches.

Soon we can expect to see the first solicitors on the High Court bench, although 18 months have already elapsed since they be-came eligible.

Meanwhile. the 59,000 solicitors now practising do not fare too well. For many years, just one been knighted

annually, the award going to the president of the Law Society towards the end of his year in office, which entails a great sacrifice of time.

.The knighthood must have been an inducement for the best possible candidates, and even their partners in the office would have enjoyed some reflected glory. Such knighthoods helped to oil the legal wheels, and had become automatic. The first knighted president was dubbed in 1882, and all 30 of the presidents between 1960 and 1989 were knighted. The practice ended in 1989 with Sir Richard Gaskell. The gov-

ernment had given notice that the automatic honour would

David Ward, the next pres dent, did not receive it. What was the reason? There were conflicting rumours. One was that another professional body, noting the distinction given to the Law Society, asked why its own president should not also be honoured.

The government examined the Law Society's position again and concluded that one year in office is not a sufficient reason for the honour. Instead of giving an additional honour to other professions, the government withdrew the Law Society's entitlement. Some question whether any

honours should be automatic and dependent solely on rank or grade in the civil service or forces, or whether any honour should be directly related to a particular achievement. The withdrawal of the Law Society's presidential knighthood has not been offset by other awards within the profession.

Solicitors who put in years of work to right miscarriages of justice, often without pay, do not receive honours, nor do senior partners in big City law firms. Nor do barristers, as such, receive rewards for their services as court advocates. Sir knighted for his work chairing various public bodies. In the law as elsewhere, the time seems ripe for the prime

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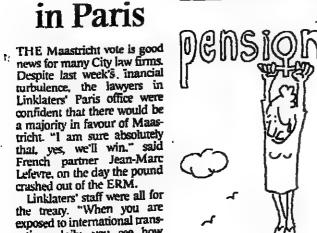
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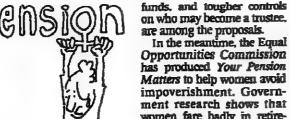
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the treaty. "When you are exposed to international transactions daily, you see how essential it is, said M Lefevre. They are now all celebrating. Among French lawyers as a

whole, however, there was probably a small majority opposed to any closer European union. "The legal profession here is conservative. If you are outside Paris, you would probably see little to be gained from Maastricht," said



Pension progress

THE committee set up by the

government to review pen-

sions law, headed by the Nor-

ton Rose professor of English

Law at Oxford, Professor Roy

Goode, last week produced its

consultation paper. Compen-

sation schemes for pension

has produced Your Pension Matters to help women avoid impoverishment. Government research shows that women fare badly in retirement because of low earnings and work breaks. Only 15 per cent of women in Britain can claim the full state pension in their own right.

In the meantime, the Equal

On the box

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Sunday sermon SUNDAY trading law reform

has become a crusade for Southampton lawyer Tony Askham, of Hepherd Winstanley & Pugh, who acts for B & Q. Mr Askham says a ruling against retailers by the European Court of Justice would threaten "the livelihoods of thousands".

Lunch loss

CAROL LEONARD ment shared responsibility NWII.

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A little home help for male au pairs

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A CAREFUL reading of the immigration rules can cause surprise and bewilderment to even the most experienced practitioner. The case of Johan Egelstedt, a male Swedish au pair, aged 19, has focused attention on an immigration rule of especial absurdity. It also raises the important issue of how to tackle sex discrimination in immigration

Rule 33 of the immigration rules allows "an unmarried girl aged 17 to 27 inclusive and without dependants", who is a national of any member state of the European Community or of specified other European countries, to "come to the United Kingdom to learn the English language and to live for a time as a member of an English-speaking family". An au pair may remain in this country for up to two years.

At the end of last month the Home Office

decided that because rule 33 applies only to "girls". Mr Egelstedt could not remain here as an au pair with the Leicester family that had invited him to stay. After representations from the family's MP, Greville Janner, the Home Office allowed Mr Egelstedt to remain in the The sex discrimination in-

herent in the au pair rule conflicts with basic principles of equality law contained in the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 by assuming that men are unsuitable to perform certain types of jobs. The Home Office has aggravated the wrong by reliance on alleged administrative convenience. nience - the nightmare of male au pairs flooding the country - as a

defence for inequality.

There can be little doubt that the rule breaches European Community law. In-deed, the Home Office implicity acknowledged this by announcing that male au pairs will be welcome if they come from member states of the Community.

Legal challenges to sexually discrimina-tory immigration laws have had little success in English courts. The Court of Appeal held in 1988 that "wives" cannot be construed to include "husbands" in the Immigration Act. So "au pair girls" cannot be interpreted as referring also to boys. In 1980, the Court of Appeal dismissed a

complaint that under the immigration rules a foreign husband had no right to remain in the UK with his student wife, even though the foreign wife of a man studying in the country was entitled to remain. The court held that in making immigration rules, the secretary of state was not subject to the Sex Discrimination Act 1975. The House of Lords reached a similar conclusion in 1983, rejecting a complaint about sex discrimina-tion in the provision of special vouchers for entry to the UK.

The courts have not pronounced on a more fundamental challenge to sexually discriminatory immigration rules. It is well established that the home secretary's power to make immigration rules is subject to the general principles of administrative law. He must act rationally and for a purpose intended by Parliament. In 1986, the High Court allowed an application for judicial review and struck down an immigration rule that it considered to be perverse.

It is strongly arguable that equality of opportunity for men and women is now so contral to public policy in the UK that when

central to public policy in the UK that when Parliament confers a discretionary power on

a minister, it cannot have intended him to discriminate on grounds of sex, unless it specifically said so, or unless the discrimination has some powerful justification.

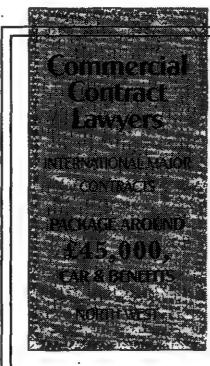
Such an approach is sup-ported by a decision of Mr Justice Cooke in the Supreme Court of New Zealand in 1977. He held that a minister had not lawfully exercised his power to specify conditions governing the payment of removal expenses for teachers. when the conditions laid down by him treated married female teachers less favourably than married male teachers. Air Justice Cooke concluded that "in modern times, discrimination on the ground of sex alone

is so controversial, and so widely regarded as wrong that I would not be prepared to infer authority to introduce it from" the general language of the statute. So dramatic have been recent changes in

legal and public policy that a department of state now applying discretionary powers in a sexually discriminatory manner without specific authorisation from Parliament may well be declared unlawful as a matter of public law.

Paragraph 6 of the immigration rules promises that "immigration officers will carry out their duties without regard to the race, colour or religion of people seeking to enter the United Kingdom". Equality of opportunity for men and women should be added to this principle on the the United States. added to this principle so that the Home Office can avoid further public ridicule, as well as the risk of legal challenges,

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Court of Appeal

Reasonable excuse for unpaid tax

and Excise v Steptoe Before Lord Donaldson Lymington. Master of the Rolls. Lord Justice Nolan and Lord Justice Scott

[Judgment July 27] A taxpaver was not prevented by section 33(2)(a) of the Finance Act 1985 from putting forward the reason for his insufficiency of funds to pay due tax as a reason-

able excuse for his default. Where the taxpayer's main dient persistently delayed paying his bills so that financial difficulties rendered him unable to pay the value-added tax due, the tribunal had been entitled to decide that that excuse was sufficient to relieve him from penalties which would

otherwise have been payable. The Court of Appeal so held, Lord Justice Scott dissenting, when dismissing the appeal of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise from Mr Justice Kennedy (The Times May 6, 1991) who had affirmed the decision of the VAT tribunal (Chairman Judge Medd, QC) that Mr John Steptoe was relieved from paying a 30 per cent surcharge for late payment of VAT. Redbridge Borough Council, which accounted for 95 per cent of Mr Steptoe's work as an electrical contractor, had during the relevant period delayed in paying bills. In consequence he had insufficient hunds to meet his VAT liabilities. Section 19(6)(b) of the 1985 Act provided that liability for a surcharge would not arise if a person, who might otherwise be liable, satisfied the commissioners or, on

there was a reasonable excuse for the return or tax not having been despatched.

To decide that the taxpayer had a reasonable excuse. He would disproblems. Absent some unforeseemble or inescapable event, cash

Section 33(2)(a) of the 1985 Act provided that insufficiency of funds to pay any tax due was not a

Mr Nigel Pleming, QC, for the commissioners; Mr Stepage in

LORD JUSTICE NOLAN said that in Commissioners of Customs and Excise v Salevon Ltd [1989] STC 907) he had, sitting as a judge at first instance, rejected the sioners' argument that if the direct cause of a trader's failure to pay the tax was insufficiency of funds he could never have a reasonable excuse for non-pay

ment, whatever the circumstances. They had not appealed that decision, which they regarded as wrong in principle since they considered that its practical effects could be tolerated so long as the reasonable excuse for the insufficiency was restricted to the wrongful or unlawful act of foreseeable misfortune.

The commissioners' argument remained the same on the present appeal and, reconsidering the matter as best he could, his Lordship would arrive once again at the conclusion he had expressed in Salevon's case. Furthermore he did not accept that the reasonable excuse must necessarily involve the wrongful act of another or unforeseeable and inescapable

He could not conclude that on the basis of the findings, the chairman had been wrong in law opeal, the VAT tribunal, that

The Master of the Rolls delivered a concurring judgment. LORD JUSTICE SCOTT

agreed with Lord Justice Nolan that section 33(2)(a) did not pre-vent the reason for an insufficient of funds being put forward as a reasonable excuse for the purposes of section 19(6).

However, in his Lordship's judgment, the reason must amount to something more than that the ried on unprofitably or that conflow problems were, in his opinion. barred by section 33(2)(a) from constituting a reasonable excuse.

On the facts as found by the tribunal, the inevitable conclusion was that the late payment by Redbridge Borough Council was not capable of constituting a reasonable excuse for Mr Steptoe's late payment of VAT.

He would have allowed the appeal. - Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs

Sentence cut

Regina v Bigley (Stephen) Regina v Bigley (Derek Roy) Where a defendant's sentence reflected a reduction because of the element of entrapment involved in his commission of an offence, a second defendant, who had been recruited by the first, was also entitled to a similar reduction.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd, Mr Justice Tudor Evans and Mr Justice Latham) so stated on July 3 in allowing appeals by Stephen Bigley and Derek Roy Bigley against sentences imposed in September 1991 at Carlisle Crown Court (Judge Mahon, QC) for two counts of supplying a Class B drug (amphetamine) for which Stephen Bigley was sentenced to concurrent sentences totalling three years imprisonment, and one count of being concerned in the supply of a

Class B drug (amphetamine) for which Derek Roy Bigley was

MR JUSTICE TUDOR EV-ANS said that the appellants were involved in supplying a large quantity of amphetamine to an undercover police officer. There was no doubt that in the

case of Stephen Bigley there was evidence of entrapment which the court accepted should be reflected in a reduction in his sentence. The appropriate reduction was one-third. Accordingly, the sentence of three years imprisonment would be reduced to two years.

The second defendant, who was recruited by his brother, was also entitled to have reflected in his that his sentence would be reduced from 18 months imprisonment to Sears Investment Trust Ltd and Others v Lewis's Group Ltd (in figuidation) and

Before Mr Justice Harman [Judgment July 31]

A principal, who had terminated an agent's authority to act for specific purposes, while encouraging that agent to seek instructions in the same matter from a new dient, could not thereafter daim that the agent still owed him a duty of loyalty

Mr Justice Harman so held in the Chancery Division in dismissing as against Gerald Eve (a firm), the second defendant, claims for damages for negligence, alter-natively for breach of liduciary duries as agents, alternatively as former agents, for the plaintiffs, Sears Investment Trust Ltd. Sears Group Ltd and Selfridges (Oxford)

Mr Charles Sparrow, QC and Mr Ian Grainger for the plaintiffs; Mr David Blunt, QC and Mr Jeremy Nicholson for Gerald Eve: the first defendant was not

MR JUSTICE HARMAN said that until May 27, 1988 the second plaintiff, the Sears Group Ltd (Sears) had been named Lewis's Ltd and the first defendant, who that day took over that name, had been named Perglade Ltd, changing its name again on March 15, 1989 to Lewis's Group

Sears had occupied a store in Glasgow, paying rates by reference to a rateable value of £1.644 million in the years 1985-6-7-8. of the institutions of the hair fifs' parent company, Gerald Eve had until May 3, 1933 pursued on Sears' behalf an appeal against that rateable value. The terms of their agency, agreed in 1984, did not require them, and they had no

obligation to take part in the recovery of overpaid rates. On May 9, 1988 a complex agreement between the plaintiffs and LGL provided for the transfer of the Glasgow store to LGL (and his Lordship held that the right to recover overpaid rates up to that date had not been thereby transferred to LGL).

Also on May 9, by virtue of a telephone conversation between representatives of Gerald Eve and Sears, later supplemented by letter, Sears told Gerald Eve in future to take instructions from a Mr Stuart, a director of LGL, thus terminating Gerald Eve's agency in relation to that store. Thereafter, Gerald Eve had acted in the rating

On March 16. 1989 a local valuation panel had allowed that appeal, so that £615,701.91 fell due to be repaid. On April 6 Gerald Eve, on Mr Stuart's instructions, wrote to the rating authority seeking that repayment. On May 11, a Scottish partner Sears in relation to other property, mentioned the success of the appeal to a Sears official, observed that Gerald Eve were pressing for the refund, adding that he "sus-pected Sears will be due an

However, Sears had made no request to the rating authority that it should be repaid any of the

thority sent its cheque for the whole refund to Mr Stuart of LGL which duty paid Gerald Eve's fees.

In his Lordship's judgment. Sears' express encouragement of Gerald Eve to seek instructions to act for LGL in relation to the Glasgow store carried by necessary that thereafter Geraid Eve owed LGL all the duties of an agent and had to act on LGL's instructions.

In those circumstances, Sears could no longer daim that Gerald

Eve owed it any duty of loyalty: it had to be implied that such duty must attach to the new principal

and Others appeal as agents for LGL.

> under section 1(5) or otherwise.
> The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Staughton) so held on July 3 allowing the appeal of Charles and Anita Louise Barton from Judge Holt at Lancaster County Court who, on August 15, 1991, had held that the late service

No duty of loyalty on former agent to serve two masters in the same matter without clear agreement and the knowledge of both principals.

By parity of reasoning Sears' claim in negligence also failed. since it was impossible to hold that Gerald Eve owed a duty of care to Sears, even though at one time its agent, when lawfully acting on behalf of their new client and principal. The action as against Gerald Eve was accordingly

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Late statement

Barton and Another v Care TON said that there was no clear

tion 2(2) of the Mobile Homes Act 1983 included a written statement which had not been given within three months after the making of of a protected site and the occupier of a mobile home thereon to which the Act applied, whether given pursuant to an order of the court

a written statement did not bring section 2(2) into operation. LORD JUSTICE STAUGH-

guidance in the 1983 Act as to provide a written statement at a late date but it was clear that under section 1(5) the court had power to require the owner to provide a statement if he failed to do so under section 1(2).

Once a written statement was provided after a court order, that enabled the court's jurisdiction to be invoked under section 2. If that was correct, then the words of section 2(2) could not be limited to cases where the written statement was given punctually within the time prescribed by section 1(2) and included a written statement not within the time limit.

Thus the giving of a written statement, although late and made voluntarily, brought into operation

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Mediate and save a million

Frances Gibb on the success of a centre that helps companies to stay out of court and reduce legal costs

ritish companies are qui-edy saving a fortune by taking disputes to mediation instead of going to court. The Centre for Dispute Resolution, one of the UK pioneers of mediation, estimates that since its launch with CBI backing 18 months ago, mediation has saved companies more than £30 million in legal costs, quite apart from

savings in management time.

The figures will be released this week when the centre gives an update to companies on its work in the fast-growing sphere of alternative dispute resolution. So far, 150 disputes have been referred to the centre, involving a total of £500 million, on anything from copyright to contracts, patents to property and shipping to services.

Alternative dispute resolution, or settling disputes outside the tradi-tional courtroom, is still fairly new in Britain but has become fashionable. It is also welcomed by government ministers who appreciate the cost savings and speed when compared with litigation, and by legal professional bodies.

The centre has enjoyed much success in its short existence. It boasts membership of 245 com-panies and organisations, includ-ing ICI, Reed International, Vickers, Sony and Ciba-Geigy. A wide range of law firms makes up nearly half of the members.

In one recent case, settlement was reached after one day of mediation in a dispute involving £20 million. The case had been set down for an eight-week trial to determine liability over breach of contract and a negligence claim, brought by a manufacturing and distributive company against a product design consultancy.

Dr Karl Mackie, the centre's chief executive, says: "It is really the business equivalent of what Acas does for industrial relations disputes. In business, there are still massive costs in the way disputes are managed, particularly if they end up with litigation. The potential savings are huge."



The centre's work is industry-led. Most of the cases so far have been in the construction industry, fol-lowed by commercial disputes. But the centre has also handled disputes in banking, family businesses, intellectual property, sports and

local government. The centre became involved in one £5 million dispute about insurance negligence, which had already been through heavy litigation. Multi-party appeals were cancelled, saving £500,000. In another instance, involving a El million construction claim over

electrical and mechanical installation, a one-day mediation leading to an amicable settlement saved costs of £300,000. In a third case, mediation in the Middle East settled a joint venture and partnership dispute between a British

contractor and a foreign client. After two days, a £3 million claim was withdrawn, saving both parties £250.000 each_ Most of the claims involve com-

panies. But disputes between individuals have also been settled: a

The centre's work is industry led. Most cases have been in the construction sector

> tenant was rehoused and a council saved £500 when the centre inter-

and commercial disputes

vened in a tenancy dispute. This week the centre launches a new fixed-fee scheme. Mediation of disputes involving up to £50,000 will cost only £350-£450 for a day.

The idea is to remove the barrier to mediation by offering an all-in fee, says Dr Mackle. For a dispute involving more than £50,000, the average daily cost is £1,000-£1,500. The aim is to help parties to reach a settlement, which is usually then

formalised in a document. Unlike the courts, the centre does not hand down a binding decision. Settlement has been reached in 20 per cent of cases, and a further 40 per cent are pending. However, once the parties are persuaded to sit down together, the settlement rate is 95 per cent. The attitude of lawyers is still an

obstacle to the centre's progress. Alternative dispute resolution is actively promoted by some firms, such as Turner Kenneth Brown, Manches, Clifford Chance, Rowe & Maw in London, and Dibb Lupton

Broomhead and Browne Jacobson outside, as well as firms in Scotland and Ireland. But many are still reluctant. Although law firms have signed up as backers of the Centre for Dispute Resolution, Dr Mackle suggests that many do so as defensive marketing".

Firms appreciate that if they can offer the option of alternative resolution (which does not preclude litigation later), then they widen the service they provide, which may mean more satisfied clients. Yet there is "an inevitable tension", says Dr Mackle, for avoiding litigation reduces fees. "It took ten years for this to get off the ground in the States. We are introducing a radical new approach to dispute management, and inevitably there is some reluctance to go down the mediation route. But we feel we have already made pretty signifi-

No more easy jobs in industry

The recession is clearly taking its toll on the legal job market. There is now a "grim acceptance" among young solicitors of the realities of the job market, and a recognition that many of them will have to abandon the law, says legal recruitment consultant Simon Hankey of the Robert Walters Agency. In general, it is the newly qualified lawyers and those with up to three years' experience who are being hit hardest, but not even partners

The most telling result, however, of the sharp drop in opportunities is that recruitment by companies has tailed off sharply. Mr Hankey surveyed 600 industrial and commercial organisations which used to recruit lawyers regularly, and found that half of them have taken on no fresh staff for more than a year, nor do they expect their activities to pick up for at least another 18 months. A quarter of companies

have reduced **Employers** now their legal teams in the have the chance to past two years. Compebe more precise tition for vacancies in about their needs industry and

commerce. which once offered bottholes for the lawyer who had failed to find a niche in a partnership, is now becoming just as tough.

Employers themselves are benefiting considerably. From being in a seller's market in the 1980s, they now have the chance to be more precise and specific about their needs. Rather than choosing the first candidate who looks reasonably suitable, they are waiting until exactly the right person appears. "Employers are looking for solicitors who want to make a

positive move into industry, rather than treating it as a career filler," says Mr Hankey.
"And they want people with broadly based legal skills, rather than anything too specialist."

Paradoxically, the more blue

chip your pedigree, the less well it may be regarded. Solicitors who have trained in the largest firms are regarded with caution, because they may already have become narrow in outlook. Also,

been limited. Instead. companies tend to favour the lawyer who has trained with a good quality, second-tier City firm.

"As service departments within large organisations, lawyers within industry must go out and sell themselves to their internal clients," says Mr Hankey, "You have to be good at establishing relationships with your non-lawyer colleagues, and be able to interpret very quickly how you can help them. If your experience has been as a backroom person in a big City practice, you may not find that very easy."

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Women are being conspicuously successful in the transition into industry. The suspicion that they face barriers to partnership predisposes many of them to look more positively at company work in the first place. And many of them are good at establishing co-operative internal relationships. "Our experience is that more women than

successfully into com-Mr Hankey. However, self-confidence and

presentation skills are essential. In an effort to cut costs. in-house lawyers are being required to take on increasing amounts of work. In negotiations, they will need to come up with workable legal solutions quickly, rather than producing a series of finely balanced options. When companies do recruit. they generally offer more attrac-tive financial deals than in the past. Financial institutions, for

many City firms. Perhaps the biggest shock facing lawyers moving from private practice into industry is that they no longer enjoy any special status. The amugness of many partners in private practice simply will not wash in business. The lawyer is just one of a number of professionals, and he must prove to his employer and colleagues the value of his contribution.

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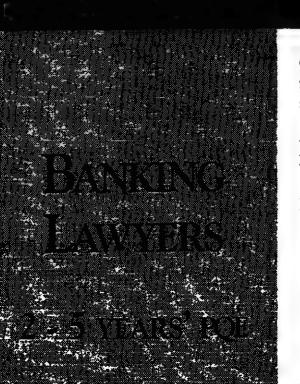
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Smith says he can make quantum leap to world best

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN SEOUL

STEVE Smith returned home junior championships here predicting that he would become the world's No. I high iumper in the next four years. Smith, who won Britain's only individual gold medal, setting British and Commonwealth records in the process, said: "If I can do 2.37 metres now I am sure that in four years' time, when I have matured, I will be the world's best."

Only last year he said that he thought 2.50 metres "might be a bit awesome", but now he projected a figure of 2.51. His optimism for the 1996 Olympics is shared by Mike Holmes, his coach, who went some way towards matching Smith's talk of

heights.
"The still frame on his silver medal miss in Barcelona shows his arch at 2.45, so in four years' time Steve has got to be in the 2.40s and he has got to have world record attempts sooner or later," Holmes said. Had Smith cleared 2.34 metres in Barcelona, he would have finished second, but he took the bar off with his beels.

Javier Sotomayor, of Cubs holds the world record at 2.44 metres, which he set in 1989. world junior title. Now he is Olympic champion too. "I am not really training that much weights and train twice a day." Until now he has trained noce a day in winter and three times a week in summer.

Smith played down his lack of inches — at 6ft lin he is almost 4in shorter than Sotomayor, "People think it's a big disadvantage, but it's not that much," he said.

He has declined selection for the British men's team for the World Cup in Havana, Cuba, beginning on Friday. "I feel I have done my bit this year and it's time for a rest." he said. "It will be too much to go to Cuba and compete against the world's best and we have a good representative in Brendan Reilly, who is capable of the same height as I

Smith lives only four miles from Curtis Robb, Britain's



young 800 metres Olympic finalist, and they have inspired each other. "It's a case of fighting for space in the Liver-pool Echo," Smith said.

Statistics from the junior championships show the rise of China and the fall of Germany. China's women were merciless towards the opposition, winning every-thing from 800 metres to 10,000 metres as well as the 200 metres, the shot, discus and 5,000 metres walk.

Their women alone won twice as many gold medals as any other nation, men and women combined, and gained three silvers and three bronze as well. Chinese women won 14 medals, Chi-

From the first three championships, East German women had taken 21 gold medals, 16 more than any other nation. The medals have gone with The Wall. There were only two German winner in this, the fourth championships.
Indications that the World

Cup in Havana may be the last were confirmed by Primo Nebiolo, the president of the International Amateur Ath-letic Federation. "We do not know," he said. An indoor grand prix circuit by next winter was "a possibility", depending on a sponsor, and consideration would be given also to starting indoor world championships for juniors,

Christie makes way for youth

A WEARY Linford Christie yesterday agreed to stand down from Britain's World Cup sprint relay team, giving four teenagers an unexpected opportunity to compete in Havana.

The Olympic 100 metres allow the British won the world junior title in Seoul last Sunday to step up to the big league this Sunday. Christie, who will have to raise another effort for the individual 100 metres event in Cuba. is only too happy to take a rest.

Darren Campbell, 19, who won 100 metres and 200 metres silver medals in Seoul, teamed up with Allyn Con-don, 18, a fellow Sale Harrier, Jason Fergus, 18, of Brentwood and James Baulch, 19, of Newport, to win the world

Because the seniors could not field a team for Cuha, with Marcus Adam injured, Tony Jarrett unavailable and John Regis committed to both the 200 metres and 4 x 400 metres relay, Frank Dick, the youngsters, who clocked a British junior record of 39.21sec in Seoul.

Christie, who admits he is "wrecked, bruised and aching" and fears he could be suffering from sciatics, will, however, run the individual 100 metres on Friday, the first of the three days of

competition. Dick, speaking from the Bahamas, where the British team is preparing, said: "Linford really pushed for the idea of the four lads running together and is delighted about their success in Havana. "One Sunday they're win-ning a world title, and the next

they're rubbing shoulders with some of the best sprinters in the world. It's going to be a Ron Roddan, Christle's coach, was not surprised his charge should stand aside. "He's exhausted at the moment," he said. "After Havana, Linford's going to take a break. He needs it."

Having lost six Olympic finalists from its original lineup through injury, illness or fatigue, the presence of the relay teenagers gives an even more youthful face to the young British team.



Sacked: Rodney Peete, the Detroit quarterback, is caught by Bobby Wilson, left, and Tim Johnson, of the Redskins

Cowboys and Eagles maintain run

By Robert Kirley

TWO of the four undefeated National Football League clubs represent the National Football Conference East division, the strongest in the sport. After three weeks, the Dallas Cowboys and the Phil-adelphia Eagles head the division that has produced four of the last six Super Bowl

Dallas beat the weak link of the fraternity, the Phoenix Cardinals, 31-20 and Philadelphia beat the Denver Broncos 30-0 on Sunday to ioin the Buffalo Bills and the Pittsburgh Steelers, of the American Football Confer-

ence, with perfect starts. Michael Irvin, of Dallas, caught three touchdown passes from Troy Alkman (87, personal best of 2 10 receiving

Randall Cunningham, who missed last season because of knee surgery, fired three touchdown passes and Phila-delphia held Denver to 82 yards in offense. Cumningham, back to his All-Pro form, completed 18 of 25 passes for 270 yards and rushed for 46 more as the Eagles started 3-0 for the first time since 1981. Herschei Walker, who gained

Henry Jones returned intergames, was held to 53 yards. Philadelphia manhandled ceptions for touchdowns of 23 and 82 yards. Bruce Smith led previously unbeaten Denver, Buffalo with eight tackles and two and a half sacks. Other Buffalo scoring included a 52sacking John Elway three times and intercepting one pass. Elway's replacement, yard field goal by Steve Christie, a one-yard touchdown run by Carwell Gardner and one-yard scoring tosses to Pete Shawn Moore, was sacked once. Denver entered Philadelphia territory only twice Metzelaars and John Fina. and managed just four first

Angeles Parma 10; Dellas Cowboys 31, Phoenix Cardinals 20; Claveland Browns 29, Los Angeles Ralders 16; Pittsburgh Steelens 23, San Diago Chargara 8; Bullaib Biller 33, Indianapole Colts 0.

The Milwaukee Brewers

are making a late charge at the

Toronto Blue Jays in the

American League East. The Brewers scored eight runs in

the sixth inning on Sunday to beat the Bultimore Orioles 9-

3, sending the swooning Ori-

oles to their fifth successive

Jose Guzman yielded five hits and David Hulse had

three hits as the Texas Rang-

Dave Stewart pitched seven solid innings and Ruben Sier-

ra's triple ignited a three-run

first inning as the Oakland A's

beat the Seattle Mariners 4-2.

Oakland, leaders of the Amer-

ican League West, cut their

magic number to five to win

their fourth divisional title in

BASKETBALL

ers beat the Jays 7-5.

Bill Cowher, the first-year Pittsburgh coach, had his downs. The Broncos had not failed to score in four years. third success in a 23-6 deci-In Buffalo's 38-0 victory sion over the San Diego over the Indianapolis Colts,

Chargers. Nell O'Donnell completed two scoring passes and ran for another for Pittsburgh, who forced three turnovers to send San Diego to their third defeat. Al Del Greco kicked a 39-yard field goal two minutes into overtime, giving the Houston Oilers a 23-20 win over the Kansas City Chiefs.
The Washington Redskins,

13-10 winners, held the Detroit Lions' run-and-shoot attack to three first downs for three quarters and limited Barry Sanders to 23 yards before Detroit rallied, Jason Hanson missed a 49-yard field goal that would have levelled the scores.

Steve Young fired two scoring passes and ran for another in the first half to dersen kicked a 47-yard field goal with two minutes to play as the New Orleans Saints beat the Atlanta Faicons 10-7. game by a first-quarter ankle injury to Don Majkowski, threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Kitrick Taylor with 13 seconds to play, giving the Green Bay Packers a 24-23 win over the Cincinnati

TABLE TENNIS

Improved team faces formidable Swedes

By RICHARD EATON

NEWLY-PROMOTED England are particularly keen to establish themselves among the elite of the European League as they begin their campaign in the super division against Sweden, the most powerful team in the world, at Malmö today.

The increased commercial return for remaining among the top countries has become important for the English Table Tennis Association and Don Parker, the manager, has been making special effort to ensure his team does not suffer instant relegation again.

Parker has worked hard to keep together what is proba-bly the strongest squad to represent England in the Super Division. After wran-gles about eligibility. Chen Xinhua, the former World Cup winner from China, became available in European competition for the first time last season, and after protracted negotiations over pay, En-gland's other leading player, Carl Prean, has agreed to remain part of the team.

This is completed by Alan Cooke, the former Common wealth champion, and Matthew Syed, the Oxford University student who played a significant part in England's success in the European championships in April. All four are travelling to Sweden.

YACHTING

Blyth is unmoved by safety concern

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

WITH four days to go before the start of Chay Blyth's Brit-ish Steel Challenge round-theworld race, the 140 crews, gathered in Southampton, are girding themselves for what most readily accept is the chance of a lifetime.

Pounding into Southern ocean seas against the prevail-ing conditions for eight months, however, is not everyone's cup of tea. Indeed, many experienced yachtsmen charge the organisers with tempting fate in sending so many ill-prepared crews into

such dangerous waters.

Blyth, who completed the same voyage alone 21 years ago, is unmoved. "Everyone knows exactly what they are letting themselves in for and no one is forcing them to do it. As for training, most have completed more than 3,000 hard miles. They are in far better shape than many so-called professional competi-tors in past Whitbread races."

This concern over safety centres on 90 of Blyth's raw recruits, who had never set foot on a yacht before signing up for this challenge two years ago, and prompted the Royal Ocean Racing Club to call Britain's best known yachtsman in for questioning.

Blyth pre-empted their probing with a question of his own. What experience do you think one needs to sail around the world?" He relieved the pregnant pause with a sugges-tion of his own: "Not a lot".

His argument is that if a raw parairooper, who taught himself to navigate from books and learned to sail as he went along, can go around the world alone, there is no reason why 13 well-trained crew, accompanied by a highly experienced skipper, should not be able to do the same.

"There's nothing magic about sailing. It's only wind and water, even at Cape Horn. There is a danger and there will undoubtedly be problems. These crews have all trained hard and learned how to cope with any eventualities."

Alan Green, the race director seconded from the Royal Ocean Racing Club to help rum the race, is one to be impressed by the commitment shown. "We are now very pleased with the preparations. These people have covered more miles than many weekend yachtsmen will do in a

John Chittenden, who skip-pered Creighton's Naturally in the last Whithread Round the World Race, leads the Nuclear Electric crew.

"Safety has been para-mount throughout. We have practised man-overboard routines and getting into life rafts, as well as racing in heavy weather. I liken this race to riding a bike fast upwind. The Whitbread race, in contrast, where the yachts follow the prevailing winds, is more like riding flat-out downhill. I know which I prefer," he said.



GYMNASTICS

Eastern Europeans will assist coaches

BY PETER AYKROYD

LEADING British coaches can expect to gain some valuable insights from an Eastern European delegation who will attend their annual conference at Lilleshall national sports centre in December.

The British Amateur Gymnastics Association has announced that experts who helped Romania, the former Soviet Union and East Germany dominate the modern sport will hold seminars on subjects including training systems, mechanics of movement, medical control and coach education.

Of special interest will be the contribution of Dr Vladimir Smolevski, of the Central In-

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SPORTS SERVICE

A renowned example of straddle position, and then

This move, named after Alexandre Tkachev, the international champion, is now executed with comparative top gymnasts

stitute of Physical Culture, Moscow, where scientists aimed to predict trends and keep Soviet gymnasts ahead of the world through research.

their success is the spectacular Tkachev move on the horizontal bar, invented in 1977. During this progression, the gymnast lets go of the bar at the end of a forward swing. sails backwards over it in the regrasps it.

National League's first unassisted triple play in 65 years on Sunday, but the Phillies lost 3to the Pittsburgh Pirates in Pittsburgh, leaders of the East division, have won six of

MICKEY Morandini, the sec-

ond baseman of the Philadelphia Phillies, executed the

their last seven games and "magic number" was reduced to eight. Any combi-nation of Pittsburgh wins and Montreal Expos defeats total-ling eight will put the Pirates

The triple play happened in the sixth inning with the score 1-1. Andy Van Slyke singled off Curt Schilling and Barry Bonds reached first on an infield hit. Jeff King then lined to Morandini. who

Morandini's magic moment By Robert Kirley

BASEBALL

stepped on second base to put out Van Slyke before tagging Bonds, who was running from first. King drove in Cecil Espy with two outs in the thirteenth to lift Pittsburgh.
The unassisted triple play

was the ninth in major-league history and the first in the National League since the Chicago Cubs shortstop, Jimmy Cooney, did it on May 30, 1927, away to the Pirates. The Atlanta Braves main-tained a comfortable lead in

the National League West with a 16-1 win over the Houston Astros. Dave Justice, Brad Hunter and Ron Gant hit consecutive home runs in a seven-run sixth inning to support the pitching of Steve Avery. Mark Lemke added a home run later in the inning.

Kings earn losers' sympathy

By Nicholas Harling

ONE rival team, at least, has expressed reservations about the salary cap which has supposedly hampered the Carlsberg League ambitions of Guildford Kings. Far from weakening the chances of the champions of the past four seasons (under the guises of Glasgow and Kingston). Derby Bucks feel that Kings will be that much harder to beat. Or at least, their coach, Terry Manghum does.

After Derby's 91-79 defeat by Kings at Guildford Sports Centre - their temporary home before they move into the £27 million Spectrum Arena - Manghum said: "Even when they are forced to sit out two players, Guildford are still tough. In fact, I think this will make them harder to will have to play harder if they are not to find they are the contributed only five points.

Of the clubs expected to put ones sitting on the bench in the pressure on Guildford. the next game." Thames Valley Tigers had the There was a farcical start to biggest win, by 96-52, over the Hemel Hempstead Royals the first game in which Kings were restricted by the new rule. team, now under its old Carl Miller and Alton Byrd coach, Andy Gill. were expecting to sit out the The reddest face of the season's opening fixture but when the dub's new Ameri-

weekend surely belonged to Darren Weaver, of Leicester. can, Derek Thompkins, His team had travelled all the pulled a muscle in the warmway from their 90-71 defeat at up, Byrd, who had just Worthing to within a second changed into civvies after a of winning at Sunderland. shower, was ordered out on Four points up, all they had to court where he scored 11 do was avoid committing an points in Guildford's victory. offence but Weaver fouled Derby, trailing by 48-32 at the interval, had the better of Ken Nottage in the act of shooting a three-pointer. Nottage sank the extra shot the second half and would have been closer had one new and Sunderland won 86-80 in over-time. "We were delighted," their grateful coach, Dave

ICE HOCKEY

Foster's efforts keep Wasps in contention

By Norman de Mesquita

AYR Bruins, Basingstoke Beavers. Cardiff Devils and Sheffield Steelers are through to the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup.

Durham Wasps, with two weekend wins, remain in contention in their group, but they will be the first to admit that they owed a great debt to their goaltender, Stephen Foster. At only 18, Foster is one of this country's most exciting young players and the Wasps' 7-5 win over Rounford Raiders might not have been achieved without his efforts. The Raiders also had a talent-

ed youngster in goal, Paul

the top of group C. were equally indebted to their goaltender, Jim Graves, in their 7-6 success over Norwich and Peterborough Pirates. This game featured 97 minutes in penalties and took more than three hours to complete. Dan Dorion was the attacking mainstay for the Panthers with five goals in each of their weekend wins.

Others to make their mark on the scoresheet were Ayr's two former National Hockey League players, Len Hach-born and Kevin La Vallee. They combined for 28 points in the wins over Fife Flyers and Murrayfield Racers.

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Harrison to shine again on Spencer's Revenge

ONE of the most pleasing aspects of the current season has been the emergence of David Harrison as a rider of great promise.

At Newbury on Saturday, he gave Castoret a lovely ride to win the Coral Autumn Cup for John Hills.

On that occasion Harrison and Castoret thwarted Welsh Mill, trained by Lord Huntingdon, to whom he is ap-

At Kempton today, though, he teams up with Huntingdon again when he partners Spencer's Revenge in the Biggin

Hill Handicap.
This lightly-raced threeyear-old has missed two tempting engagements recently in order to wait for today's race and he should be hard to beat following that five-length victory on the Fibresand track at Southwell last month.

The most obvious danger here is Millsolin who turned a similar race at Wolverhampton into a procession early this month, winning easing up by eight lengths.

That was Milisolin's first race for his present trainer, Reg Akehurst, and is another example of the Epsom trainer's skill in improving a horse who has spent his formative

No wonder Akehurst was keen to run Millsolin again quickly with a penalty rather than wait until he had been rerated by the handicapper. Unfortunately the door closed on his only opportunity to do so when Millsolin was balloted out of a race at Doncaster.

On that occasion he would have had only a 41b penalty on top of his previous rating. Now he is on a 15lb higher mark. In spite of that rise, he should still go well without

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

At the end of the pro-4.45) can be a second winner

Being by Commanche Run out a mare by Glint Of Gold. he has more than sufficient strong blood in his veins to see out the distance of the EBF

finishing a close third first time out at Sandown in the race won by Sharjah.

Swinburn a first winning ride after his return from injury in the EBF Duxford Maiden

she started at 10-1 after open-ing at 25-1. Only Inchinor's neck prevented what would have been a nice touch.

Today's nap, though, is Pippin Park to win the Hip-podrome D'Evry Maiden Fillies' Stakes in the care of Chris

That was her first race for ten weeks and her opposition today looks less daunting.

for Lord Huntingdon.

Kenley Maiden Stakes He also shown promise by

Today's meeting on the Sunbury track can begin with Mithl Al Hawa giving Walter

First time out, this James Fanshawe-trained filly was supported in the market at Newmarket to the extent that

Her trainer, Henry Candy, believes she has the ability to win this event following that good run recently at Doncas-ter where she finished fifth in a handicap won by Nashville Blues carrying 8st 13lb.

Blinkered first time



Going crucial to top milers

BY PHIL MCLENNAN

SUPPORTERS of two of the main contenders for Saturday's Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot will be casting an anxious eye skywards in the next few days.

With heavy showers and thundery outbreaks of rain forecast for southern England for the middle of the week, Rodrigo De Triano and Second Set are most unlikely to get the fast ground they need to show their best form.

Rodrigo De Triano worked satisfactorily at Manton yesterday and figured among the 13 confirmed entries at yesterday's five-day stage for Saturday's £250,000 prize. However, connections have already stated that he will miss the group one race if there is substantial rain.

Hills reacted by withdrawing their "with a run" proviso about the 2,000 Guineas winner but eased Peter Chapple-Hyam's colt a full point from 5-2 to 7-2.

Second Set, a disappointing favourite when only fourth

5.45 BIGGIN HILL HANDICAP (£3,818: 7f) (18 iumers)

behind Selkirk on rain-softened ground 12 months ago, was pushed out from 6-1 to

8-1 by Ladbrokes.
A spokesman for Luca
Cumani's stable confirmed that Second Set's participa-tion would be in doubt if the ground were to turn soft. A little rain fell at Ascot on Sunday night but the going was still officially good yester-day evening after a dull but mainly dry day.

One definite absentee is

Fourstars Alistar, the American-trained winner of last year's Irish 2,000 Guineas. Leo O'Brien's colt will now be trained for the Breeders' Cup

The big bookmakers have formed a market on the the two valuable handicaps on Saturday's programme and no doubt heaved a sigh of relief that Prix Vermeille runner-up Cunning, an apparent 'snip" for the Krug Trophy off 7st 12lb, was not among yesterday's 23 acceptors.

who won the race with Casey in 1988 and Tidemark last year, still holds a powerful hand with Laburnum, Duke Of Eurolink and Kiveton

Hills have John Gosdentrained horses at the head of their market for both races. In the Krug Trophy, they bet: 5-1 Anna Of Saxony, 10-1 Brier Creek and Laburuum, 12-1 bar, while Deprecator is 12-I clear favourite for the Festival

Other interesting entries on Saturday's high-class card are Ayr Gold Cup winner Lock-song, who could take on the likes of Shalford and Wolfhound in the group three Diadem Stakes, and Sayye-dati, who is among 11 possibles for the group one

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BOLA gives all-clear on payout

THE Jo N Jack affair finally ended yesterday when book-makers were advised to settle all outstanding bets, 13 days after the horse won a Lingfield

Members of the Betting Office Licensees' Association (BOLA) were preparing to pay out an estimated £85,000 to punters who pulled off the 33-1 off-course gamble.

BOLA announced its decision yesterday after police in Bradford had failed to establish that any offences had been committed in the placing of bets on Jo N Jack. Peter Smith, a BOLA coun-

cil member and one of the bookmakers worst hit, said he intends to pay out the successful punters but believes the public have been 'duped'. "It is not the money that matters but I am sure this would not have happened if

out before finishing seventh.

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4.00 COLWICK MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES

ı	(2-Y	-0: 9	2,826:	6f 15yd) (7 runners)
١	1	150	11500	SCIBER LAD 73 (B) (F Vinis) J Berry 9-7 J Carrol
ı	2	(2)	25316	ROCKET TO THE MOOK 3 (D,S) (Mrs.) C+ham) P Cropple Hyam 9-2. J Wearer (5)
ı	3	(8)	321	SNOWY RIVER 35 (D.F) (M. Redio & Son Ltd) J Scargel 9-2 L. Progott
ı	4	n	443310	HEATHYARDS GEM 22 (6) (Mrs B Margary) R Halloshead 8-11 W Ryan
ı	5	(1)	21	PLUCK 8 (D,S) (Lord Derby) R Creation 8-11 T Comm
ı	- 6	(3)	D	RAD 15 (D Hill) 5 Woods 8-11
í	7	(4)	60	SMARGEMATTI 14 (Genecon tasks) J Comiop 8-11
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3	(6)		ALFAARI (N Al-Maldren) W Hem 9-0 R Hills	
4	(13)	4460	JUMATRA STAR 18 (V) (A Al-Makoum) J Gazzien 9-0	96
5	(9)	4-0	OUR MAN IN HAVANA 11 (C Wright) P Cole 9-0	-
6	(19)	234502	SD SUPERB 17 (V) (Lord Swaything) J Dunico 9-0 J Reld	3
7	[4)		ULLADULLA JA Bouri R Aletors 9-0	-
8	(14)	033030	WAFI 15 (BF) (A Alt) B Hambury 9-0 B Raymond	2
9	[15]	1461	BLUE S TRUE 40 (Sintol Cossessed) I. Humat & V	-
10	(2)	550	JOHN THE CLAN 10 (Li Redden) Mes N Macauley 8-9 T Sprake	84
11			PLEASURING 10 (J McGurgan) M McCormack 8-9 A Clark	
12	(12)		POYLE AMBER (C Wiggins) M Blanshard 8-9	-
13	13	90	CUEEN CANUTE 22 (P Asquitt) F Lot 8-9 Down McKeown	-
14	m	50-4005	VELLANDRUCHA 10 (R Warres) J Berneti 8-9	2
15			VERGINIA COTTAGE 18 (D Allen) 9 McMaton 8-9 J Forture	
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1		410030	SHAPLING 28 (D,G) (C Watt) J Gosden 3-9-13	85
2	(4)	04000Q	MERRYHILL MAID 12 (D,F,G) (D Cahal) J Horic 4-9-17	-
3			BERNSTEIN BETTE 8 (CD.F.G.S) (J Ford) P Felgale 6-9-10 W Ryan	
4	(11)	5-21061	RAINBOW PLEET 5 (D,F) (R F Brothers) D Maris 4-9-7 (7ex)	•
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10	(13)	543702	MISS ARAGON 14 (D,G) (7 Charlesworth) Mas L Sidosh 4-8-7 J Wesver (5)	93
11	1101	004300	SCARLET PRINCESS 19 (CD,S) (D Philips) R Hodge, 4-8-5	
12		DE4900	RYEWATER DREAM 11 (BJF) (I Loftus) R Houges 4-8-4 T Sprake	96
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15	(2)		MESS BRUGHTSIDE 53 (A Grant) A Smith 4-7-10	
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17	(20)		THE DREAM MAKER 21 (R Doon) Mrs N Macauley 3-7-8 M Homphries (7)	9
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19	(5)	555200	DANCENG WILD 25 (BF) (Ponistrani Club) Mrs G Reveiley 3-7-7 Damen Moffest (7)	
20	(8)	000040	WEEKEND GIFL 10J (D Jones) W Brisbourne 3-7-7 L Chamock	7
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KNIFEBOX (Darryll Holland) continued John Gosden's fine run with an allthe-way victory in the group three La Coupe de Maisons-Laffitte in France yesterday. The winner beat Steinbeck by three-quarters of a length. and paid odds of 5-4 on.

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4.45 EBF KERLEY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,700: 1m Jubilee) (17 nuners)

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Swinburn passes test Maiden Stakes, having to be pushed along from a long way

WALTER Swinburn came through a stern fitness test on his return to action at Notting-

bam yesterday.

Swinburn, concussed in a late-night incident in New
"Nobody can say I'm not fit after that," said Swinburn, who aims to partner Marling market a month ago, only took in the Queen Elizabeth II one mount but was given a Stakes at Ascot on Saturday.

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Omission inspires Harris to score emphatic victory

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN JOHANNESBURG

DEL Harris secured a straight games victory over the local favourite in the first round of the world open championship here yesterday, and then de-clared himself determined to embarrass the English Squash Rackets Association (ESRA) by playing as well as possible in South Africa.

Ranked third on the latest England list, and one place behind Peter Marshall, the British champion, on the world list, Harris, 23, seeded tenth here, has been excluded from the England squad for a three-match series against South Africa immediately

after the world open.
"The really inturiating part
about it is the fact that I was partly responsible for putting the series together," Harris said after defeating Craig van der Wath 15-9, 15-7, 15-13 in 41 minutes. "I came out here at the end of May with Chris Walker, joining Tony Hands. who arrived even earlier to acclimatise. We put the plan together with Sue Cogswell, of Squash South Africa, with the

idea of playing in it ourselves."
Harris said that Cogswell, a former England international but a long-time resident of South Africa, contacted the ESRA, which insisted the team should be an official

The next thing I heard was nor myself were going to be in rang Andrew Shelley at the ESRA, and says he was told he had been overlooked in the selection made by Jonah Bar-rington and Paul Wright, the

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national coaches, of a squad comprising Peter Marshall, Simon Parke, Chris Walker and Philip Whitlock, which will be managed by Stuart Courtney, a former international and a member of the SRA council.

Harris has been a central part of England teams coached by Barrington and managed by Wright since he won the world junior championship under their guidance in 1988. His unexpected defeat last May by Colin Keith, the Scotland second string, was a vital element in England's first defeat at the semi-final stage of a European team

championship.
"Perhaps that is why they have dropped me for this series," Harris said. "Whatever the case, I aim to prove a thing or two here."

His task could hardly be more difficult, with Rodney Martin, of Australia, his scheduled second-round opponent. "I have beaten Rodney two or three times, although I have to admit he has had the better of our record. This would be the perfect time and place to beat him again," Harris said.

Certainly, the determined victory by Harris provided a much needed lift for British

Simon Parke, 20, the York-Harris as world junior champion and was named for the international matches in Dur-ban, East London and Cape Town, was roundly defeated later by Austin Adarraga, a Spanish qualifier.

Adarraga trained with the Australian Institute of Squash. but returned to live in his father's country after a horrifying motoring accident from which recovery took the better part of two years. There was Australian support around his match.

Parke was seeded thirteenth here, perhaps ominously, and was fancied to trouble Ross Norman in the second round and perhaps even for Jahangir

Khan later on. In fact, he failed almost completely to contain the unrestrained attack from Adarraga, who defeated Craig Wapnick of South Africa, in the qualifying finals and dispatched Parke 15-10, 15-9, 5-5 in 54 minutes.

Adarraga may have taken heart from the success of Mark Carlyon, an old friend from the Australian Institute, who launched a similar display of stroke invention against Jason Nicolle, the sixteenth seed and another loser in the European match against Scotland, to win 15-4, 15-10, 11-15, 14-

Adrian Davies, the Welsh No. 1, lost in typically argumentative style, 15-9, 10-15, 15-12, 14-17, 15-10, to Norman, the 1986 world champi on seeded seventh, and Danny Meddings, of Surrey, went down in straight games to the fifth seed. Brett Martin



Security headache for World Cup

New York World Cup Perth: Didier Auriol looked organisers said yesterday they set to win the Australian raily ahead of his Lancia teammate, Juha Kankkunen, after the Finn fell behind with broken suspension and a ammed wheel during the third leg yesterday.

The Frenchman. points shead of Carlos Sainz, of Spain, will also increase his lead in the world drivers' championship with a sixth rally win this year. Kankkunen, winner of all

three previous Australian railies, fell 2min 39sec behind after his Lancia Integrale was almost crippled by a rock during the 24th stage on dirt roads 60km from Perth. The world champion cracked his rear suspension and lost two minutes completing the stage with a jammed wheel.

Sainz is third in his Toyota Celica, ten seconds behind Kankkunen going into today's final four stages of the 35-

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will attempt to prevent supporters with a history of violence from entering the United States during the 1994 tournament in an effort to combat hooliganism. The officials also said they

were considering the possibili-ty of segregating lans by nationality inside the nine stadiums to be used for the 52game tournament. They have ruled out the possibility of a large military force to provide security, but intended to have fast-response teams available

"This is America, This is not a police state and we're not going to turn it into one." Alan Rothenberg, chairman of World Cup USA 1994, said.

Rothenberg said security would be the most expensive item for the tournament.

Edgar N. Best was hired esterday as senior vice-president for security. He was director of security for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. overseeing an \$80 million

"I'm not guaranteeing that

Best said. "It would be foolish to do that. We will not be able to anticipate everything. This is a strange world."

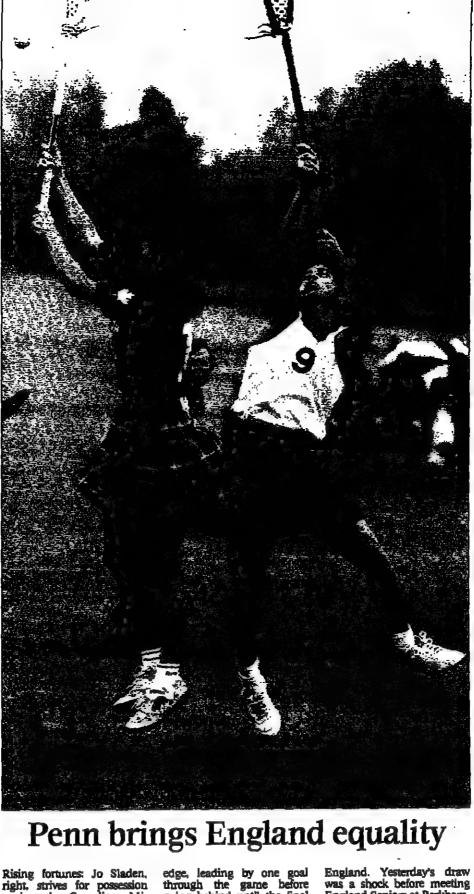
At the 1990 World Cup in Italy, up to 4,000 police and military personnel, many of them carrying machine guns, were used. There were three minor incidents, all outside the stadiums, but tear gas was

Supporters from England, Germany and Holland have caused problems at European matches, vandalising town centres, ferries and trains during drunken rampages. European police identified many of the troublemakers and prevented most of them from going to the 1990 tournament

in Italy.

Best said he anticipated hooligans would attempt to come to the US tournament, scheduled for June 17 to July 17. 1994. He consulted with European police when he attended the 1990 World

It has not been decided whether to use fencing to separate fans from the field and from each other, Best



against the Canadian, Michelle Gisinger, as the Young England lacrosse team yesterday held the experienced Canadian women's touring side to a 9-9 draw in the first game of the English leg of their British tour at Milton Keynes

(Peter Tatlow writes). Young England had the

going behind until the final stages when Bella Penn, of North Territory, scored the two goals needed for England's parity. Gemma Lowth scored four. Kate Hollings two and Clare Taylor one.

Canada, still smarting from three defeats in Scotland, hoped for better things in

England Seniors at Berkhamsted tomorrow and Kingstonupon-Thames on Friday.

All the leading lacrosse countries have their eyes set on the world championships in Scotland in August and Canada have derived little comfort from this month's tour of

BOXING

Duff delivers offer to Eubank

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

MICKEY Duff, the London promoter, has offered Chris Eubank £200,000 to defend his World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight title against Herol Graham, the British middleweight champi-on, at Wembley, if the Shef-field boxer wins his title defence against Frank Grant at Leeds tomorrow.

"It is a very good offer," Duff said, "but if Barry Hearn (Eubank's promoter) doesn't want me to promote it, but wants to promote it himself, he can have the fight if he pays
Graham £10,000 training and appealed to Hodkinson's expenses."

Graham said: "I want to fight Eubank because I don't want to retire as the best middleweight in Britain never to have won a world title."

Frank Warren, the promoter. yesterday made his last move to bring together Colin McMillan and Paul Hodkinson in a world featherweight

unification bout. Warren offered a joint £400,000 plus a purse,

and appealed to Hodkinson's manager, B.J. Eastwood, to get the bout on "for the good

f British boxing". Warren said: "The fight is only worth what it can generate. We have got to have cash common sense in these days of recession. It's twice what Paul has earned before. If he wants to fight on neutral territory, it could go to Birmingham, and I'm prepared to co-promote with Eastwood to get the fight I'd most like to see." **GOLF**

Roe relishes role of a seriously successful golfer

FROM MEL WEBB IN VERSAILLES

YOU could tell that winning the Lancôme Trophy was not likely to change Mark Roe 60 outlook on life fewer than 60 seconds after his behind hit the seat for his post-victory

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interview on Sunday. "Mark is this the biggest win of your life?" came the question. Fifty pairs of lips in the room mouthed the words. Of course it is: don't ask such

bloomin' daft questions."

Roe, on the other hand, appeared to accord his interlocutor the sort of mature reflection that the question definitely did not deserve, took one more reflective breath. then replied without allowing himself the merest hint of a smile. "Well, I did win a couple of Sheffield and District Alliances last winter ... He had to say no more. This was Mark Roe Mark I, all right. Why worry about a Mark II version when the original is still capable of producing high-quality material like that?

No, victory - he won £79,000 at St-Nom-la-Breteche for his second Volvo Tour win — will not change Mark Roe one little bit. And for that we can all breathe a hearty

vote of thanks. Roe is a one-off. A oft son of Sheffield who now lives in Dronfield, in Derbyshire, this pencil-slim man whose unruly blond locks and a face on which a smile is never more than a nano-second away make him look years younger than his 29 years, is a can'thelp-it joker off the fairways. Even on the practice ground he is not above the odd fourth form remove jape now and

But watch him on the golf course, anywhere from the 18th green, and you will have some trouble believing you are

watching the same man. Because, and make no mistake about this. Mark Roe is seriously devoted to his job. and once out on the course the fierce and committed competitor that is never far from the surface consigns the Mr Hyde that is a separate but inexiricable part of his character to the locker-room, there to wait until Dr Jekyll rejoins him a

Roe came to golf comparatively late in life. He was a topclass high-board diver in his teens, had bright things forecast of him, and might have been lost to the game of golf until one day he had a serious accident when practising that most gymnastic of sporting disciplines.

The back injury he sus-mined then forced him out of his first love and into the siren embrace of golf. The creaky back still bothers him to this day, and may indeed force him out of the big-money Piaget Open at Royal Zoute in Belgium this week.

Roe was once a dasher to end them all, scurrying round the course like a demented ant on speed. He claims he has matured and slowed down. Matured he may well have done - marriage to his wife. Jane, in 1989, might have had something to do with that but slowed down he almost

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certainly has not. Take the 18th hole of the last round at St Nom on Sunday, for example. There he was with a two-stroke lead. all but there, time to smell the autumn leaves around him and savour the reception he was getting from the slightly blase, seen-it-all-before Parisien gallery, you might have thought.

So where was he? Twentyfive yards in front of his two playing partners, that's where, and by the time they reached stalking his putt, striding hither and thither, assessing, won-dering if he could finish it all on this most teasing of parthree finishing holes with a

big number and a birdie two. As it happened, he took two more and finished his act with a rock-solid par. Then it was off to the waiting press corps. "When did the pressure of today first hit you. Mark?" one of them asked. "About 12.30 last night," came the reply. twinkle-eyed. Mark Adrian Roe, professional golfer and full time shareful for all our full-time character, for all our Sakes, don't ever change.

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Charity benefits from Floyd's senior victory

Indianapolis: Raymond Floyd became the first golfer to record victories in both regular and senior PGA tour events in the same year when he won the GTE North Classic on

Sunday. Floyd, 50, announced that he would donate his \$67,500 winner's cheque to the PGA tour's hurricane relief fund.

Floyd, who comes from North Carolina and now lives in North Miami Beach, Florida, said he discussed the donation with his wife Maria after Hurricane Andrew devastated parts of Florida and Louisiana.

Thirty miles from where we live, the eye of that hurri-cane went through, leaving unfathomable destruction, Floyd said.

Floyd, who won the Doral-Ryder Open in March on the

regular tour, made it clear that he is not ready to consign himself solely to the senior from Events.

"I' haven't switched tours, I've just come over for four weeks. I committed early on to support the [senior] tour. It's important to get new players with name recognition, to get new blood on the tour."

Floyd said his decision was not based on the theory that he would fare better against older competitors.

"My overail game is as good as it's ever been, believe it or not. I'm not playing golf for monetary reasons

Floyd added that the only decision he has made concerning his itinerary for 1993 is that he will compete in the major tournaments in both tours and defend the GTE North Classic title

CRICKET: NEWCOMERS REFLECT ON A SEASON WHICH ENDED IN DISAPPOINTMENT

Durham catch up with reality

BY PETER BALL

BACK in April, Durham embarked on their first season as a first-class county with high hopes in front of a euphoric crowd of 6,000. Last Tuesday, 300 watched the last rites at a windswept Low Fell as their team was once again outclassed.

Durham plunged to their tenth defeat and finished bottom of the championship, 36 points behind the seventeenth club. Worcestershire. "We hadn't realised the gulf between a minor county and the first-class game," Don Robson, the Durham chairman, was reported to have said. Geoff Cook, the director of cricket, and his captain, David Graveney, had few such illusions but, for a time, the euphoria seemed well-

founded. Durham were briefly third in the championship and reached the quarter-finals of the NatWest Trophy, their second-round win over Middlesex standing out as one of the performances of the season. But Dean Jones, the mainstay of their batting.

missed the quarter-final before heading back home to join the Australian team, injuries took their toll, and the decline was swift.

"Expectations were raised beyond realism after the first four weeks," Cook said. "To be itinerant, without a home ground, in your first year was stretching our resources desperately and the coaching network has to be refined and enlarged. If this area wants to produce first-class players. it

has to be more specialised." In the long term, Durham's future seems assured. "To see 800 to 900 turn up to watch our second team play makes you realise you're sitting in an area of massive potential," Cook said. But for the time being the building process goes on.

Graveney, who began the season looking forward to "a great adventure", is unrepentant. "I didn't expect the job to be any easier than it was," he insisted, "but in terms of ability, a mid-table place was not too far out of reach." As the season progressed, though, with injuries and weariness setting in, age and

inexperience told against

"We had the situation where we played very well early on," he reflected. "Every one of the young players who came into the side did well and that was backed up by Botham challenging for an England place." As the pressure told, howev-

er, the young players found themselves too much in the firing line. Jones's departure was exacerbated by the fact that Botham's edge had worn off after his early relish for a new challenge had briefly overcome the aging process. Botham had filled seats and

sold memberships but his contribution in the latter half of the season was a disappointment to supporters. "Ian is struggling." Cook agreed.
"You've almost got to predict his good days and capitalise Other injuries also raised the question of the team's

fitness and Graveney will

make physical fitness a priori-

ty when the team begins

preparations next month. Yet

Cook still believes that physi-cal fitness was only part of the

problem. "Our biggest failing this year was an inability to stay the pace," he said. How Hutton, an opening

batsman. Wood, a powerful fast bowler, and Henderson, an all-rounder, respond to their difficult introductions to the first-class game will determine Durham's success next season. So will the continuing enthusiasm of the core of experienced players. "Morale has stood up remarkably well in the circumstances," Graveney said.



Graveney: unrepentant

Hemmings decides to join Sussex

EDDIE Hemmings, the 43-year-old former England off-spinner, has joined Sussex on a two-year contract after being released by Nottinghamshire Hemmings, who has ap-peared in 16 Tests during 13

years with Nottinghamshire, is the oldest player on the county circuit but last played for England only two years Meanwhile. Hampshire were ready to sign Martin Jean-Jacques, from Derby-

shire yesterday. ☐ Martyn Moxon, the York shire captain, set out on a 300 mile walk round the Broad Acres yesterday, (Martin Searby writes). Moxon, 32, will visit 20 towns in an effort to raise at

least half the £100,000 needed

by Killingbeck Hospital in

Leeds to build a new care centre for babies who have undergone heart surgery. It's not quite in the lan Botham league as charity walks go but it's a pretty daunting prospect for me. Moxon said.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Peking has its doubts

Peking's sports facilities, many of them developed for the 1990 Asian Games, were inadequate for the Olympics, the Beljing Youth News said yesterday in an article on the city's prospects of being given the 2000 Games. It noted that at next year's vote Europe will have 40 votes and Asia 20.

McKay's trophy

Cycling: Second place in the 106-mile Solihull Classic on Sunday enabled Mark Mc-Kay, of Northampton, to win the season-long road racing competition, the Star Trophy. His 50 points placed him ahead of John Tanner (38) and John Charlesworth (32).

Rally death

Motor rallying: A Chinese of-ficial became the third fatality of the Paris-Moscow-Beijing rally yesterday when his vehicle hit an unlit lorry parked in the middle of the road near Shanshan, the starting point for the sixteenth stage, the first stage in the Gobi desert.

Female touch

Shooting: Corporal Julia be fit for the tie.

Rabjohns, from RAF Witter-

ing, became the first woman to win the Combined Services smallbore rifle championship at Bisley when she scored 1,952 out of 2,000.

Spartans recruit American football: The

Manchester-based North West Spartans, the European champions in 1990, face Hamburg Blue Devils in Germany at the weekend in this year's final. In preparation, Spartans have signed the London Monarchs pair, Vic-tor Ebubedike and Mike Taylor, and Les Jackson, from New York Knights.

Johansson feted

Boxing: Ingemar Johansson, former world heavyweight champion, will be guest of honour at the maugural din-ner of the Lonsdale Sporting Club in London on Sunday.

Free to play

Rughy league: Iva Ropati, the Oldham centre, sent off at Huddersfield on Sunday, will be free to play in the Lancashire Cup match at Leigh to-morrow. His case will be heard by the disciplinary committee on Thursday night. Shane Tupaei is expected to

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leigh reject approach for Topping

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

CASTLEFORD yesterday placed Graham Southernwood, the Great Britain under-21 hooker, on the transfer list at £50,000 after having a player-exchange approach rejected by Leigh for the utility back, Paul Topping, who is now interesting Salford.

Ian Lucas, the Great Britian and Wigan forward, is likely to miss the home game against Widnes on Friday after injuring ligaments in the back of his knee during Sunday's win at Wakefield Trinity, and could be missing for several weeks if an examination tomorrow should pinpoint more serious damage.

The British Amateur Rugby League Association has set aside its threat of legal action against the Rugby Football League and has established a new negotiating committee to try to settle the long-running and increasingly bitter dispute over which body, amateur or professional, should control youth rugby

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Subtlety is a lost art among fitness fanatics



Coates: embarrassed

alph Coates was one of a succession of nimble, outstanding wingers at Burnley, in the days when the club was still at the forefront of the English game. Pilkington and Harris were others in an era when almost every club in any division still had one, if not two conventional wingers.

When Coates, who played four times for England and just missed being in Alf Ramsey's World Cup Squad of 1970, signed for Tottenham Hotspur a year later for £190,000, he was subjected to an embarrassing experience. Eddie Baily, the Tottenham coach, cruelly exposed Coates's relative lack of skill Yet by today's rating. Coates would be worth a million or two more than Platt. Baily, veteran from Totten-

ham's push-and-run team of the early Fifties and Nottingham Forest's cup-winning run of 1959, came from the days when inside forwards such as Shackleton, Carter, Mannion, and he could, as the saying was, make the ball talk. By only a year or so, he missed the liberation of wages, and remained resentful of the riches being harvested by the new generation. He would show Coates what skill was.

Taking the still shy youngster aside at Tottenham's 'laboratory' training ground sold for the club's financial improvement, and look where they are now - Baily chalged him in hitting a row of balls on the 18-yard line against the crossbar. Coates miserably failed to emulate



DAVID MILLER Chief Sports Correspondent

During 20 years, the decline in young players has seen the standard of senior professional football drop well below the level of some amateur players of 40 years ago. I was recently talking to a former amateur international who has cause, in a nonfootball capacity, to observe one of our most famous clubs at close quarters, including training. He confirms that there are Premier League players who do not know how to kick properly. "Depending what they want to do, they don't know which part of the ball to kick," my friend lamented, "because they have never been shown or found

If Platt is worth £5 million, what would be the asking price today for Matthews? The president of Stoke City continues to cast a benevolent eye on his old chib, and will be guest of honour in three weeks time at the World Cup qualifying match at home to Norway.
"It's difficult to blame man-

agers," Sir Stanley says,

many skilful players today. Therefore the manager has been obliged more and more to look for work-rate and athleticism as compensation. Don't always blame the managers. When an England player missed an easy chance against Spain two weeks ago, the television commentators were making excuses for him. saying it was his first cap. So what! If you are playing for England, you are supposed to be good. Excuses are no use. No one made excuses for us 50 years ago. If you were bad. everyone said so."

Matthews makes the point that the excitement at contemporary football is often as much dependent on the spectators as the players. It is the spectators' thirst for thrills that creates the impression of urgency and action. "I recently watched a match from behind one of the goals," Matthews recalls. "The spectators were marvellous - they clapped everything. Corners, tackles, even throw-ins. Compared with sitting along the touchline, it was almost a different game."

England have had some blunt centre forwards over the years, remaining too loyal to a perception of ourselves and our national sport which is limiting: Hateley, Dixon, Withe, Harford, Bull, Smith.

On Saturday against Leeds United, attempting to cross a ball from a free position on the right for Southampton 20 yards out, Dixon fired the ball high into the crowd as though taking a goal kick: here is a player promoted by circumstances way out of his class.

The situation in England is now rapidly approaching that of the United States. We have almost no generic breed or real footballers, only squad-of super-fit athletes runnir about the field making occasional, random contact with the ball and hoping they are facing the right direction

when it happens.

Graham Taylor appears 16. have taken the view that there is no point even looking for subtlety. He still seems not to understand that while goo... players have some slig∷: chance of playing as a uniwithout practice together, fitness fanaties are totally dependent on familiarity with each other rather than skill bind them together. Ever team change Taylor makes is a further step down the roun:

Arsenal host season's entertainers

Graham faces bold cup challenge from former club

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

GEORGE Graham will be reminded of his managerial roots when Miliwall visit Arsenal in the second round, first leg, of the Coca-Cola Cup tonight. Graham's achievements while in charge at The Den — he lifted Millwall from the third to the second division - helped secure him the Arsenal job six years ago, but he is by no means assured of a safe passage against them in

Rejuvenated under the management of Mick McCarthy, Millwall demolished Notts County 6-0 on Saturday and are climbing the first division table.

McCarthy said yesterday: "We are very happy with our form and confidence is naturally bubbling. But being confident about going to Highbury is a very different thing. Arsenal have some excellent players and I am not fooled by their indifferent start to the season. It will be tough for my players, but if we are on our game again it will be hard for Arsenal too. We have got to keep our feet, and our passing. on the ground."

Millwall have done so rather well this season. They have deservedly gained a reputation as one of the most attractive footballing teams in the first division. Not so Arsenai. Graham's

men have been associated with negativity, niggles and, occasionally, downright nasti-ness. Graham said: "I have got tired players on my hands and we are only five weeks into

They could be frustrated by Miliwall's defence, which has kept clean sheets in their last three games. Much of the credit is due to Casey Keller, their United States goalkeeper, who is keeping Aldan Davison out of the side.

Arsenal have now gone four game without a win, but Graham will want to extend his record of never having lost to Millwall in five games

Souness recalls his fears

GRAEME Sources, the manager of Liverpool, yesterday revealed the true severity of the health problems which followed his triple heart bypass operation in early April (Ian Ross writes). "I don't want to sound too

dramatic, but there was, after I had developed this infection, a week when I was in trouble." he said. "For the first time in my life, I felt under pressure in terms of the physical side of things. I really felt that I had a fight on my hands. Yes, at one point I wasn't sure I was going to come out of that place."

Sources was speaking on ITV's This Morning, a networked magazine programme which is broadcast from Liverpool's Albert Dock. He explained how he began to

ing a serious infection.
"When I was first told that I needed the operation, I was informed that there was a two or three per cent failure rate, and I think that everyone who is told that news, sometime or other, in the quieter moments, will begin to think that they are going to be in that two or three per cent."

against them since he left The Den in May 1986.

The teenaged Tony Dolby, who scored one and had a hand in Millwall's other five on Saturday, could play a key role in the midfield at Highbury, where Arsenal's David Hillier returns.

Scanthorpe United, with a playing staff of just 17, aim to

add to the worries of Leeds United at Elland Road. Bill Green, their manager, said: We met Leeds at the same stage of the same competition last season and held them to a draw at Scunthorpe. We only lost at Leeds to a dubious penalty and have no fears Norwich City face a poten-

tially awkward trip to Carlisle United, who have apparently been revived by the chairman-ship of Michael Knighton. Aidan McCafferey, the Car-lisle manager, said: "Some of our players think they should be playing at a higher level; this is their concertunity to this is their opportunity to

Wimbledon are another Premier League club with much to lose when they vist Bolton Wanderers tonight. Joe Kinnear's team will no doubt recall their embarrassing exit from the same competition at the hands of Peterborough United last

After his side's 4-2 defeat at Aston Villa last Saturday, Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, must be dreading a slip-up at home to Chesterfield, of the third division, who are unbeaten in their last seven games. Like Wimbledon, Liverpool lost to Peterborough in last season's



Timely return: Hillier replaces Jensen in the Arsenal line-up after suspension

Patient Platt takes his chance with goal for Juventus

OVERSEAS REVIEW BY PETER ROBINSON

Andreas Möller from Eintracht Frankfurt during the summer. David Plan must have wondered if his £6.5 million move to Turin had gone sour before he had even kicked a ball. With Julio Cesar and Jürgen Kohler entrenched in Juvé's defence, Möller, it was said, was competing with Platt for the third remaining vacancy for an overseas player. The best the Englishman could hope for was to play in the dub's home matches

Three games into the Italian league season, however, Platt has delivered his reply. A brilliant goal at Genoa on Sunday crowned a performance that was probably enough to earn him an extended run in the side: it also saved Juventus from defeat. In the event, it is not Möller,

who has been in exceptional form, that has made way for Platt, but the Brazilian, Cesar. After two weeks twiddling his thumbs, Platt was given his chance last week against Anorthosis Famagusta, from Cyprus, in a Uefa Cup first round fixture. He took the opportunity well enough, as the Italians won at a canter 6-1, to be retained for the visit to

Although Juventus did miss Czechoslovak.Thomas Skuhravy, put the home side 2-1 in front in the second half, Platt impressed and he salvaged a point when he completed a slick exchange of passes with Roberto Baggio ior a well-taken equaliser.

While Platt has been rewarded for his patience, Ruud Gullit is rapidly losing his. Overlooked once again by AC Milan for the visit of Atalanta to the San Siro, he delivered a stinging rebuke to Silvio Berlusconi, the club's president, and Fabio Capello, the coach, before the game.

"I have a heart and : sensitivity and at the momen. I am not happy," he said. "!! you like me that much, then should not be here because want to be on the pitch." That honour was reserved for Ma-Rijkaard and Dejan Saviceva Milan won 2-0. Gullit of talking of joining Gardineker in Japan. Where Platt is leading, Paul

Gascoigne is hoping to follow Tomorrow, he is due to mal... his first appearance for Lazio in a friendly with Tottenham Hotspur, a match organised when he originally agreed at move from London to Rome Away from Italy, Lothar Matthaus ended his five-

month spell out with a knew injury by making his return to the colours of Bayern Munich Although Bayern could only draw I-1 with SC Watterscheid, their coach, Eric Ribbeck, was delighted — with Matthaus at least. "The comeback was sensational. He played far better than I had expected." Ribbeck said. Further north, Hamburger

SV dismissed their coach. Egon Coordes, yesterday, blaming him for a dismal star. to the season. A 2-1 home defeat by SC Karlsruhe at the weekend was the final straw. The life and times of Hrister

Dropped in midweek by Barcelona, he returned for the visit to Atlético Madrid, 'scored three times in a thum;ing 4-1 victory and was then sent off for dissent. Johann Cruyff, Barcelona's manager. said afterwards: "Hristo was concentrating 100 per cent in the first ten minutes and scored twice, but his performance declined in the second half. If he isn't aggressive or doesn't do what he has to, I':. have to drop him again." To be fair, aggression has never been one of Stoichkov weaknesses.

POOLS FORECASE !

COVENTRY City and Norwich City, the surprise packages of the season, meet at Highfield Road on Saturday. where they are expected to cancel each other out. Norwich, in first place on merit, should end their run of 11 matches without an away score draw. Newcastle United's se-

quence of seven successive first division victories is in danger of being halted by Peterborough United, who are coping well to the demands of a higher division. Newcastle, the only side in the top four divisions to have gained maximum points, may have to settle for just one. Luton Town's barren away

run ended nine days ago with a 2-1 win at Brentford, a result which bodes well for their trip SECOND DIVISION

to Notts County, whose morale must be low after being thrashed 6-0 by Millwall at the weekend. A disputed lastminute penalty enabled Luton to scrape a draw against Birmingham City on Saturday and they can share the spoils Although the league table

suggests otherwise, Barnsley can draw at Bristol City, whose confidence is in shreds after suffering heavy defeats against West Ham United and Newcastle. In the second division, improving Reading are also ca-

pable of causing an upset by holding Brighton at the Goldstone Ground. With Liverpool in a trough, have a gamble on those ace spoilers. Wimbledon, to repeat last season's win at Anfield.

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Middlesbrough lose out to Keegan

Newcastle invest £700,000 gate takings for Lee

NEWCASTLE United yesterday completed the signing of Robert Lee, from Charlton Athletic, for £700,000. Less than 48 hours after rejecting Premier League football and a move to Middlesbrough on the grounds that he and his wife did not want to live in the North East, Lee rapidly revised his opinion.

After travelling to Newcastle to talk to Kevin Keegan, the United manager, the right-side forward or midfield play-er — who had made it clear that he was keen on staying in London and joining West Ham United — decided that northern life might not be so

The prospect of settling in a football-obsessed city and playing for the present first division leaders, who boast the League's only 100 per cent record, clearly proved

As did the charisma of Keegan. Lee, 26, a former England Under-21 international who joined Charlton from school, is the second player coveted by Lennie Lawrence, the Middlesbrough manager, but captured by Keegan. Gavin Peacock, the Newcastle midfield player, rejected a £1 million move to Middlesbrough this summer to stay at St James's Park.

Lawrence, who is aggrieved at Newcastle's top billing in

the North East when his team are sixth in the Premier League, said: "Not many people turn me down."

The Middlesbrough manager, who managed Lee at Charlton, had been planning

on recruiting him for over a Lee, who has signed a three-

year contract, said: "I can understand if Lennie is feeling a bit bemused. I hope there are no hard feelings. But he put me on the spot and wanted me to sign straight away. Lennie was not prepared to wait. I just hope he will wish me well for the future.

flattering and I just felt they factor was that Kevin Keegan used to be my idel. It had to be a big club to tempt me out of London.

Keegan said: "As far as we are concerned we do not feel we have poached Robert from Middlesbrough. We did not make our move until we saw that his proposed transfer to Ayresome Park had fallen through. There is no animosity between us and Middlesbrough. In many ways Newcastle is more accessible to London. We are on the main railway line and there are more flights from Newcastle

"It is thanks to our support-

ers filling the ground every home game that we have been able to buy Robert. We put all our gate money on the table. But he will be a valuable player for us,"

Even so, this transfer market policy represents a turnaround from last season, when Newcastle were reportedly £6.5 million in debt and facing financial ruin. Since then, Sir John Hall, the man behind the Gateshead Metro Centre, has taken charge and United, although still in the red, are being allowed to spend in the hope that success will lead to solvency.

Lee is expected to make his debut in the second round, first leg Coca-Cola Cup tie at home to Middlesbrough tomorrow night. He will soon discover that life at low-profile Charlton Athletic is light years removed from that at one of

football's strongholds.

Rob Jones, Liverpool's England international right back. will resume light training today after an operation for

Bryan Robson, the Manchester United captain, failed to prove his fitness for a reserve match at Rotherham last night. Robson, who is suffering from hamstring trouble, last played in the United first

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Lynagh to lead touring Australians

the 1984 Wallabies, alongside

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Lynagh, the world record points scorer in international rugby union, will captain Australia on their 3-match tour of Ireland and Wales which starts next month. He was named yesterday to take over from the man he has partnered in 47 inter-

nationals, Nick Fort-Jones. Lynagh, who has led his country twice before, emerged ahead of Phil Kearns, who is named vice-captain, and Peter Slattery. There were ample considerations for looking elsewhere to relieve the team's goal kicker and playmaker of another demanding chore, but Lynagh's playing experi-

standing of the game were in his favour. was disappointed in 1988 when Nick got the job ahead of me, but I'm very proud to be there now. Lynagh, 28, said. He has appeared in 59 internationals. the first of them eight years ago against Fiji, and since then has recorded a mammoth 760 points for his

country. His tour party includes three newcomers to the national squad, Damien Smith, Anthony Ekert and Michael Brial while four of those who toured in South Africa last

Jones and Tommy Lawton have retired from international rugby, and the two props, Andrew Blades and Matthew Ryan, have been overtaken by the experienced Cameron

Lillicrap and Dan Crowley. The omission of Blades come as a surprise, since he looked a formidable competitor in South Africa, but the two Queensland props Lillicrap in particular, will add to a pack of forwards which still wears a surprisingly

Lynagh, but his career has been plagued by serious injuries.
Smith, the new wing, has been a regular for Queensland this season. At 23, he has

recovered from badly breaking an arm two years ago, and his long-striding style should make him an impressive sight. given firm grounds. Elert, the reserve scrum half

to Slattery, and Brial, the back-row forward, scored tries

South Wales, Brial was one of five players injured during the notorious defeat by the All Blacks early in their tour of Australia The tour party will go into

camp on October 6 and leave three days later. They play two internationals, against ireland, on October 31, and Wales, on November 21, and conclude against the Barbarians, on November 28 at Twickenham, a match which is already sold out.

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FA stop BSkyB's attempt to screen Gascoigne's return

THE Football Association has blocked an attempt by BSkyB to televise tomorrow night's match between Lazio and Tomenham Hotspur in Rome. The fixture, which could feature Paul Gascoigne's return to top-class action, takes place on a night when there is a Coca-Cola Cup programme in

Trevor Phillips, commercial director of the FA, said yesterday: "BSkyB did not have the courtesy to talk to me about this. Why should we allow a meaningless friendly from Italy to be shown on a night when we have got to protect domestic crowds. We cannot allow them to be damaged. "BSkyB have threatenedd

an injunction and I expect a solicitor's letter. But I do not see why football should be controlled by television. The one thing BSkyB has done is unite the FA's of England. Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. That has not been achieved for a thousand years. "The irony is that I have been very supportive of BSkyB and am still negotiating their television contract. But they have been very insensitive on this issue. I was happy to allow them to show it live if it was moved to Thursday or on deferred transmission after 10.30pm on Wednesday night. We were prepared to

On Sunday, BSkyB attracted 465,000 nationwide viewers for the Premier League match between Manchester City and Chelsea, compared with the 870,000 from the South East who watched the first division fixture between West Ham United and Derby County on London Weekend Television. Channel 4's coverage of Italian football was watched by a national audience of almost two million.

West Ham blamed the cameras for their lowest crowd for 36 years but, overall, the Football League is doing rather better than the Premier League at the turnstiles. Pre-mier League attendances dropped by 11.7 per cent on last year's old first division during the first six weeks of this season. By contrast League attendances have risen

by an average 0.5 per cent. Premier League gates are averaging just 19,895. That is the first time in five seasons that the figure for football's top division has dropped below 20,000 and compares to 22.522 a year ago.

Old Blues survive to draw Blackheath EIGHT of the 13 seconddivision clubs which entered the second round of the Pilkington Cup yesterday were treated to home ties when the

draw was made at Twickenham, among them three for-mer holders of the national knockout trophy, Coventry, Bedford and Moseley (David Hands writes). A fourth previous cup winner. Newcastle Gosforth, must play away at

Askeans, victors against Ruislip over the weekend, found themselves the odd man out among the 17 southem clubs by being drawn, to even up numbers, in the

northern section: however. they do not face a demanding journey, being required to go only as far north as Bedford when the second round is

piayed on November 7. Only one of the nine newcomers to this season's competition surviyed the weekend: Old Blues, who qualified as iosing Surrey Cup finalists and, having disposed of Westcombe Park in the first round, now play on their own Motspur Park ground against

"in all honesty, we hoped to get Richmond at home because we have six ex-Richmond players," John Wil-

by, said. "But Blackheath will. do very nicely as an alternative. I would dearly love to see the faces of the Blackheath boys when they arrive because we are rebuilding our club-house and it rains in the away

liams, their chairman of su

changing room."
Old Blues play in London
Two (South), four divisions below Blackheath, but have the experience of such players as John Cullen, the former Wasps and Richmond scrum half, to fall back on.

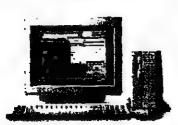
. Bradford and Bingley's reward for an excellent 23-9 win over Aspatria is an all-Yorkshire tie against Wakefield.

This is only Bradford's secon season in the cup, the first having been as far back as 1974-5; they came through to qualify this season as losing finalists in the Yorkshire Cup to Harrogate, who themselves have the dubious privilege of a visit to Moseley.

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SECOND ROUND DRAW (matches to be played on November 7): North: Tynedele v Sheffield; Otley v Sete; Coventry v Hereford; Llorifised v Waseriot. Walsfield v Bactiond and Bingley. Bedford v Askventr; Towcestrians v Newcestria Gosforth; Mortay v Broughton Park Worcester v Nottinghem; Pydia v Leeds; Moseley v Hernogete. South: Flichmond v Sudbury; Exster v Beny High Wycombe; Roselyn Park v Plymouth Ablon; Bridgweter end Ablon v Redruth; Henley v London Welsh; Lydney v Cilliant.

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Maradona transfer talks resume

DIEGO Maradona's on-off transfer from Napoli to the Spanish club, Sevilla, may be completed this week after all. Although the move has been threatening to collapse for almost a week, the two clubs were due to resume discussions today in Zunch.

The influence of Fifa, football's governing body, is likely to have helped both clubs decide to reopen talks. The game's world governing body has supported Maradona's efforts to return to the game after complexing a 15-month suspension for failing a drugs test and the negotiations be-tween the two clubs are being held at its Swiss headquarters. The announcement that Fifa has brought both sides to the table followed a turbulent week of brinkmanship in efforts to arrange Maradona's transfer from Italy to

On Thursday, Maradona claimed he was retiring from the game because the deal had not already been done. On Friday, his agent said the deal had to be completed by yester-day evening before Maradona. returned to Argentina. The announcement of the new talks has, clearly, superceded

Confusion appears to be the name of this particular game: Italian reports say Napoli rejected a Sevilla offer of £2.5 million; sources in Spain say the figure, which included a contribition from Maradona's own company, was nearer £5 million. Marseilles, meanoffered £5.5 million, as have Real Betis, Seville's "second"

European football's governing body, Uefa, has upbeld a 4-1 victory by Slovan Bratisla-va, of Czechoslovakia, over Ferencearos, of Hungary, in a European Cup first round first ieg tie last week. The Hungarians had protested that the result of the game was invalid because of disruption after incidents involving police and

Ferencearos supporters.

However, Uefa's control and disciplinary commission has rejected the protest, saying the incidents took place off the pitch and did not influence the outcome of the game. Both teams, however, have been fined about £6,000.

the financial situation among

bankrupt this year, the Foot-

ball League clubs, almost all

of which are in the red, are

more precariously placed.

Goram plans to make amends in semi-final

RANGERS aim to learn from their mistakes of 12 months ago when they face St Johnstone for a place in the Skol Cup final tonight. The Ibrox side, finalists five times in the past six years and winners on four occasions, paid the penalty for compla-cency at Hampden Park last season when unfancied Hibernian won 1-0 and went on to beat Dunfermline in the

A year later, Rangers are back at Hampden with a determined glint in their eyes. Their goalkeeper, Andy Goram, who moved from Hibernian to Rangers just prior to the start of last season, admitted: "I left Hibs to win

Newcastle United is £6.5 mil-

trophies with Rangers - and my old dub went and won the first of the season. It made me

look a bit daft." Goram made amends in the championship and Scottish Cup, but desperately wants a Skol Cup medal to complete his collection. "St Johnstone will be difficult opponents and if we have any negative thoughts we'll be in trouble. However it's up to us to be positive and let them worry about us."

Mark Hateley, who missed Saturday's win over Heart of Midlothian with a foot injury, may miss the game while St Johnstone's Icelandic forward, Gudmunder Torfason, is also doubtful.

Clubs stand by for VAT burden to be scrapped

By JOHN GOODBOOM

BRITISH sports officials are hoping that the government will bow quickly to a Euro-pean Community directive to scrap VAT on voluntary organisations, so bringing relief to amateur clubs and organisations which have been struggling to survive the

As sport tries to assess the impact of the pound's devaluation on its finances, the Community is renewing its attack on the British regulation that non-profit making organisations should pay VAT, unlike any other Euro-

pean country.

Peter Lawson, the secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR), said yesterday: "VAT should not apply in these instances in Britain. We believe that UK

ministers have never been given the true facts on this

misleading ceived information."

"At the moment, these serious breaches of community law have caused great harm to sport and recreation here and to the contribution these bodies make to the prowess of British sport in general."

Lawson added that the pinch of the recession" was being felt at local level, with the burden of rate charges increasing. Despite the government being prepared to meet 75 per cent of rate relief given to voluntary sports clubs, many local authorities are still not prepared to give

Burdened with VAT and increasing rates, many clubs have been struggling to break even, because there is a limit on the level of subscriptions people are prepared to pay. Disposable income has

some decline in money-making items like bingo and scratch cards, on which many clubs rely for funds.

The problems of the recession are not just confined to small organisations. Rick Parry, the chief executive of the FA Premier League, described

Although Premier League attendances have dropped by 11.7 per cent in the first six weeks of this season, compared with the same period of the Football League first division last year, he thought that there were extenuating circumstances and that football attendances had "just about escaped unscathed" from the With Aldershot and Maidstone United having gone

leading clubs as "tight". The lion in the red and Doncaster Rovers and Northampton fronting them are: imple-Town are in danger. menting the Taylor report and However, a League spokes also coping with the recesman said: There are no other sion, the significance of clubs that are critical at the which, he believed, had been moment. Attendances are, so

dwarfed by the need for new far, up on last season when the combined attendances for the old second, third and fourth divisions reached 10 million, compared to nine million for the old first Although the government has relaxed its insistence on all-seat stadiums for the bot-

tom two divisions, ground improvements to meet other safety features are still the biggest financial burden for maller clubs. However, all the League's big competitions are sponsored and the spokesman said that clubs had not reported the loss of many individual sponsor-

seems to be riding the recession, is the Rugby Football Union although Dudley Wood, its secretary, is "constantly telling people, who want to spend money that we must cut back and maintain

the very tight budgetting."
He added: "At a time when sponsors are dropping like flies, we have lost none and all our executive boxes are sold. However, we are by no means complacent and it is a constant concern to keep things in shape."The RFU is rebuilding its East Stand this year since building costs have been so competitive because of the

In smaller sports, sponsor-ship has proved difficult to retain - last week, the Amateur Swimming Association lost Esso after 20 years although Bob Peach, of the Sports Council, described the situation as "fairly stable."

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Group goes to the wall over art

Going to work is

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Texaco is not the first big corporation to acquire art, both for aesreasons and as an investment. But when it moves into its new headquarters at Westferry Circus in London's Canary Wharf, the oil group will give the expres-sion "boardroom art" a whole new dimension. Every floor of the nine-storey building will be crammed with art and artefacts from 1600 to the

present day.

The collection has been a secret since Texaco began to assemble it with the help of Barbara Missett, an art adviser, 20 months ago. It now numbers 550 items, is entirely British, and still growing. Texaco will not reveal how much has been spent.

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Canary Whart's financial troubles mean that it may be



Oil painting: a gouache and graphite on paper design by Duncan Grant

gaze up through Texaco's lofty atrium and catch a glimpse of the treasures. But today a flavour of the collection will be revealed when a loan exhibition goes on show as the centrepiece of the 20th Century British Art Fair at the Royal College of Art. The 35 items on loan span

the past 90 years, from the Bloomsbury set and postwar lyrical abstraction to the work of recent artistic luminaries such as Anish Kapoor. Among the photographs and prints are works by David Hockney and Henry Moore. The selection is intended to represent the broad scope of the collection, which now also includes two Constable mezzotints, three Whistler prints and a Gilbert and George postcard collage, as well as folk art, maps and textiles of historical significance.

"The primary aim," Ms Missett says, "is to provide stimulation for Texaco's employees. Corporate collecting is in its infancy in the UK and most companies tend just to buy traditional paintings for the boardroom. Or else someone volunteers to pick up an assortment, or work by young contemporaries, and they call

rt a collection." By contrast Texaco, which already owns large collections in America and on the Continent, has thought out its British art hoard with the discipline of a battle plan. Its aims are to educate its employees, enrich the new offices and, perhaps above all, ease the culture shock for those uprooted to windswept Docklands from the company's current des res in

Knightsbridge.
Among the items in the collection are two works by Duncan Grant of the Blooms-bury Group, as well as a strikingly modern design for a tapestry seat cover by Grant's mistress, Vanessa Bell, the sister of Virginia Woolf. Ms Missett, who was looking for unusual Bloomsbury designs, says: "I never expected to find anything like these. Modern British works at affordable prices have been among the

hardest to acquire." Unusually, since many big companies fear publicity will lead to theft, the collection is being catalogued and the art fair is expected to be just the

first of many loans.

ALISON BECKETT The 20th Century British Art Fair runs from tomorrow to Sunday at the Royal College of Art. Kensington Gore, London SW7. Admission £6. Wed. Thurs. Fri

When truth is a hostage

Granada is under fire for its portrayal of the Beirut hostages, Patrick Stoddart reports

ith the possible excepgramme starring television form comes in for more criticism than the drama documentary. Defenders argue that it is a uniquely powerful method of telling stories for which no conventional news footage exists; the critics claim it irretrievably blurs the line between fact and fiction. Accusa-tions of foul play and inaccuracy have tumbled down on the head of almost every producer who has ever been tempted to turn a crisis into a

The only organisation to have escaped such attacks has been the company that virtually invented the genre, Granada Television, where the journalism is supplied by the World in Action team and the drama by the people who brought you The Jewel In the Crown, Brideshead Revisited and Coronation Street. But now Granada is in the firing line over what began as an effort to promote public awareness of one of the more shocking passages in recent history - the taking of the Beirut hostages.

Hostages claims to describe the experiences of John McCarthy, Brian Keenan, the Americans Frank Reed, Tom Sutherland and Terry Anderson and (glancingly) Terry Waite.

Despite its unswerving compas sion, the film has been publicly and bitterly disowned by virtually all of the hostages. In a jointly-signed letter to the newspapers this week, Messrs McCarthy, Keenan, Waite and Anderson accused Granada of "a serious abuse of public trust" by claiming that Hostages is a true story, when it contains scenes which, because of the hostages' reluctance to provide information, are pure fiction. The letter also accuses Granada of persuading Mr Reed to co-operate by giving him the impression that Mr McCarthy

and Mr Keenan were taking part, despite the fact that both had made their opposition

The Friends of John McCarthy, inchiding his girlfriend Jili Morrell, worked closely with Granada when the project was first mooted, while Mr McCarthy was still a prisoner in Beirut. But as the need for a film drawing attention to his con-

tinued captivity became redundant with his release, his allies withdrew their support from Granada, saying that nothing should be done until Mr McCarthy and the other freed hostages felt able to tell their own stories. It was a view shared by a number of directors and producers who had been approached by Granada, and who withdrew their services once the feelings of Messrs McCarthy, Keenan and Waite were made clear to them.

Granada acknowledged the protests but pressed on anyway, saying that the former bostages will feel differently once they see the film. The question, however, is not whether the hostages have been

fairly dealt with, but whether they should have been dealt with at all. Significantly, there have been no objections to Frank McGuinness's stage play. Someone Who'll Watch Over Me, which by no coincidence deals with an Irishman, an Englishman and an American incarcerated together in a Beirut cellar. Indeed, a letter from John McCar-thy adorns the stage door noticeboard at the Vaudeville The-

which he says he hopes to see the play before it comes off.

The difference is that Mr McGuinness has used fictional characters to illustrate the essential truth of the hostage tragedy, while by using real names and charac-ters, the Granada film could leave

atre, in London's West End, in

viewers thinking that everything it says is airtight fact. Mark Lucas, the literary agent for both Mr McCarthy and Mr Waite, says: "Without information that only John and the others could give. Granada cannot claim that this film has any documentary

campaign suggesting that Mr Mc-Carthy's real concern is that Hos-tages might affect the income from his forthcoming book. "Money is not the issue," he says. "John had five ways" back new waiting for him five years' back pay waiting for him when he came home, and we have done very substantial publishing deals for him, Jill and Terry Waite.

"Nor has this got anything to do with protecting any future film based on the book, because they haven't even decided if they want to allow that yet. In any case, they won't do anything which would exploit the deep compassion that so

many people have for them."

lan McBride, the editor of drama documentaries at Granada, is well aware that Hostages could incur the wrath not only of the former captives, but also of the British public. But he says: "It's a very good story, and we were told it

Despite its by journalists, diplomats and politicians who compassion, involved. We also spoke at length to the film has and Frank Reed. been publicly We have total confidence in the veracity of our research. We would have disowned by virtually all of John and the others the hostages ease with us, but that does not invali-

date our film. "I have never been involved in a project that was the subject of so much analysis and care. In fact we shelved the whole project for a time after John McCarthy's release, because he warned us that the slightest hint of a programme like this could possibly prejudice the chances for Terry Waite and the others who were still being held."

As for the suggestion that using fictionalised characters would have silenced his critics, Mr McBride says: "A lot of newspaper journal-isis wrote speculative pieces about the hostages, and they used the real names. Had we changed the names, we would have been accused of fudging the issue."



How near the truth? Brian Keenan (as played by Ciaran Hinds) is dragged to a hiding place by his captors in Granada's Hostages

re-enactments as the fall of the Czech leader Alexander Dubcek and the Reagan/Gorbachev summit in Reykjavik, actors gave voice to whatever scraps of dialogue researchers could be sure had actually been spoken. But such austere readings of history could not survive the demands of popular television. Viewers more familiar with The Professionals than the Prague Spring wanted more ten-sion and fast-moving storyteiling in their peak-time programmes, and

Granada had to provide it if they wanted to reach a mass audience. All this added to the cost, and Granada found the extra cash in a fruitful relationship with the American TV company Home Box Office (HBO), which has invested in several of Granada's more recent drama documentaries, including the much-awarded Why Lockerbie?, and now Hostages. In return, HBO gets American screening rights to programmes that find a

ready audience in the United

States, and it is this special relation-

When Granada mounted such ship that has prompted some critics that Hostages departed from the means is that while the hostages to ask whether the demands of a commercially-minded American partner have forced Granada away from the ethical purity of earlier films and deeper into the lessexacting mire of the action movie.

Colin Callender, a senior executive at HBO, British-born, British-trained and a fervent admirer of the Granada team's approach, has always rebutted all suggestions of compromise. "We have never told Granada what they should make, or how they should make it. They come to us with a list of things they are going to do, we invest in the ones we think are right for us."

Granada can list The Last Days Mrs Thatcher and the sequence of films that led to the freeing of the Birmingham Six as examples of drama documentaries it has made without HBO, but it is unquestionable that high gloss projects such as Hostages are a far cry from the pofaced meticulousness of old, and Granada knows it.

At the press screening, the executive producer, Ray Fitzwalter, noted

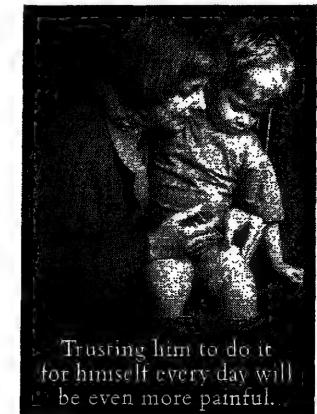
Granada tradition by being "more drama-led than usual", and that much of the dialogue was not that of the captives themselves, but of the writer, Bernard McLaverty. What is more, the opening credits carry the disclaimer that no endorsement was sought or received from any of the former hostages.

Mr Lucas points out that Granada has, in fact, been seeking out Mr McCarthy and Mr Waite since January, and Mr McBride says that what the disclaimer really

were invited to provide information, they were not asked to approve the film's production.

It is sad to chronicle such a nitpicking feud between Granada and people more usually among its most loyal defenders. It is near tragic to see such a well-intentioned project, devoted to some of the most courageous men and women in Britain, descend into suspicion and controversy even before it has been

● Hostages, ITV. 8pm tomorrow



From the time a child with diabetes starts school, they become responsible for the two or more daily insulin injections they need just to stay

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The small pleasures of bankruptcy

Receiver's office was VI completing my statement and filling in the reasons for my bankruptcy.
Number One was "the recession"

(panic economies hit Fleet Street early and my monthly income dived by 83 per cent between August 1990 and June 1991). In August 1990, the balance of my assets over my debts was about £100,000, mainly in the value of the house. Today, my position is almost exactly reversed. Number Two was "interest rates"

(see my earlier complaints about the usurious 23.8 per cent APR plus charges which Lloyds Bank was charging on my accounts, not letting me know that I could have been paying 16.75 per cent on a business rate). Mrs K said: "I'm going to be

writing down these reasons a lot. We're overwhelmed in this office already, but it doesn't seem to make any difference to policy, does it?"
We agreed to meet again next month, when my creditors assem-

ble. I left her surrounded with the documentary debris of my financial ruin and drove away, listening to the news on the (borrowed) car radio. For the first time in three years, I heard about the shocks and horrors on the exchanges, the imminent leap in mortgages and the inevitable slump in house prices with calm indifference. No surges of gall through my gurs; no leaden despair in my heart, no gripping the wheel and shouting aloud "My God, I'm ruined!" I am aiready MID LIFE: Neil Lyndon finds a kind

of comfort in financial ruin

nuined. They can't get me now. The removal of the pound from the ERM may stave it off but, if you are heading in the direction of the Official Receiver's Office, you may like to know that you

can expect to meet some friendly people there (proba-bly better not to wear some flowers in your hair). The officials are scrupulous, tidy-minded and efficient. They do what they say they are going to do and, if you do what they tell you to do, they will treat you with courtesy and fairness. If you dont' do what they say, they'll throw you in jail - but that much is

clearly understood. Your companions in the waiting (or receiving) rooms may give you heart. They may be just like you and they will make you feel at home. New boys and girls slope in with polished shoes, nervously gripping their satchels full of papers and asking to be directed to the lavatories. Old hands relax in their chairs, waiting to be called in to see the senior mistress and swapping

In the last six weeks, I have heard about 20 of these stories. They are all much the same, delivered by people who are all roughly the

other and me. They all ring true. The bankrupts I have met are all small businessmen and women and self-employed workers. They borrowed money in the late Eighties and the first years of the

1990s. Encouraged, exhorted by the banks, they borrowed, in the first place, to expand their businesses and secured the borrowings against their houses which, we all believed, were soundly valued. When the recession hit, they borrowed more money to keep their businesses and their families going. Declining incomes, rising interest rates and the slump in the value of their only asset locked them into an Iron Maiden of financial torture. Three, at least, of them have used the same words to me, saying "I felt like a rat in a cage, running backwards and forwards, trying to

find a way out." Many of them have said: "I worked hard for 20-25 years to build myself up. I wasn't greedy. I didn't do anything criminal. I took advice from bankers and accountants and I followed it. Now I've got

One of them said: "When this happens, you realise that there are

experiences in middle-age from which you may never recover. They can break you. I have always thought of myself as a strong person but I don't know if I can recover from this. I may only have another ten or 15 years of working life in which to put myself straight."
And another: "What seems to me

most cruel, what I can't forgive, is that the same government which boasted about the property-owning democracy' and encouraged people to borrow money to buy houses should have put the bite on those very people and caused those people to lose their houses, as 1 have, and everything else with it."

Like old lags in the prison canteen, blaming the police, their briefs and the judges for their convictions, never admitting that they might themselves have some responsibility for their plight, we shift the blame around in our chats. There is, however, some genuine, comfort to be gained from the recognition that hundreds of thousands are in the same mess as yourself; and that, while many of them may have been poltroons, just as many will have been ordinary midlife Joes who did their best and got trounced and trashed by impersonal, external circumstances beyond their control or unde-

rstanding.

Mrs K is willing to admit these truths in the records she compiles; and future historians will find them, in abundance, when they examine the records of the Official Receiver for the black years of the

CAROL LEONARD | ment shared responsibility NW11.

COLQUHQUN AND MACBRYDE: Lindsay Posner directs John Byrne's breakneck comedy about the two arsists, painting the town in post-war Soho. Opers tonight. Royal Court, Sloane Square, London

SW1 (071-730 1745), 8pm, then Mon Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. I CAPULETI E I MONTECCHI: Pier Luigi canto treatment of the nomeo and Juliet story is revived with a promising cast. Anne Sofie von Otter sings. Romeo, the young British soprano Amanda Roocroft sings Guilerta. The conductor, following up ins success with I Purifain last season, is Daniele Gatti Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), tonight, Fn., 7 30pm.

THE FORCE OF DESTINY: Well balanced English National Opera balance or signs in atomat Opera production of Verda's compelling opera under the baton of the estimable Mark. Elder Tosephine Banstow takes command of the most demanding of all verda's dramatic soprano roles, that of Leonora: Edmund Barham is at his best as Don Alvaro, and John Connell, Anno Marco, Chiegra and John Lind. as Don Awaro, and John Connell, Anne-Mane Owens and Jonathan Summers make a fine supporting cast. Richard Hudson's 19th-century costumes are set against a brightly coloured abstract set. Colliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WCZ (071-836 3161), tonight, Fri, 7pm.

WCZ (071-850 \$161); (chigh, Fri, 7pr LONDON PHILHARMONIC: Zubrin Mehta who is currently conducting Tosca at Covent Garden, conducts the LPO and Chorn in a performance of Webern's enigmatic So Precis for Orchestra, Bruch's romanic Violin Concerto No 1 and Orif's popular Common Rusana. The soluest are Carmina Burana The soloists are Pinchas Zuckerman, Sumi Jo, Jochen Kowalski and Jeffrey Black

Doriman's scorching psychological drama on the longing for revenge Penny Downie, Danny Webb and Hugh Ross make up the cast.

Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane.

WC2 (071-836 5122) Mov mals Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm 120mms. FROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty and stylish version of Macbeth's climb to the top, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Somes songs Amburdow, West Smert London WC2 (071-636 6111). Mon-Thurs, B.15pm, Fn and Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 120mms.

GAMBLERS: Cheg Merchikov, Mark Rylance, Phil Darveh in superbly staged production of Good's "sung" drama. Tricycle, 269 Niburn High Road, NW6 (971-328 1000) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat

Ci GRAND HOTEL: Musical barley sugar Berim in the Twenties Senumental, American, entraining, Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Mon-Sat, 8pm, nats Thurs, Sat. 2.30pm, 120mm

M HAMLET: AUG ROTTUR III fow-key production. Riverside Studies, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354), Mon-Sat, 7 30pm

195mms (Sold out for complete run.) HECURA: Trojan women struggle from gnef to revenge: engrossing production of Europides by new artistic director Leurence Boswell.
Gate, 11 Pernbridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm 105mms.

THE INVESTEE MAN: A revise of last year's merry production, prior to a West End run. Amazing stage tricks devsed by Paul Kiev. Theatre Royal, Gerry Ratiles Square, Strationd £15 (081-534 0310). Mon-Sat,

Spm, mat Thurs, 2pm, 135mus TRUMS IN THE PANKILY: Larks in the hospital common room, matron outraged, doctors flummoned, Ray Cooney farce with lots of Laughs. Playinguae, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401) Mon-Fri. Born. Sat, 8.30pm, mai Thurs, 3pm, Set, 5.30pm, 135mms.

M. JURE MOORE Naive songwriter conquers Tim Pan Alley Delightful comedy by Ring Lardner and George S. Faufman Excellent cast Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3:071-723.93011 Mon-Sat, Bpm,

NEW RELEASES THE HOURS AND TIMES: WILL BOAT Epstein bed John Lennon in Barcelona! Director Christophor Münch's rudinentary style makes it difficult for

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TI PHILADEL PHILA, HERE I COMEL: Brian Fine's affectionate cornedy of an irsh emigrant and his carping after ego, A newkel to be chershed.
Wyndfram's, Channg Cross Road, WCZ (071-867 1116) Mon-Fin, 8pm, 5at, 815pm, mats Wed, 3pm, 5at, 5pm, 140mins

III THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Terrife performance by Alston Steadman as the raucous slattern in Jim Cartwright's play about dreams, shynesi and horrible modres. and homble mothers. National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 2.30pm, 150mins. SHADES: Pauline Collins torr Li SHAUBES - You're Collins from between her child, murn and marmland in Sharman Macdonald's disappointing new play; only sporadically absorbing (Patroa Hodge takes over from October 5).

Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2:071-

CINEMA GUIDE Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ϕ) on release across the country

e BOB ROBERTS (15): Lively spool documentary about a night-wing follosinger's dirty battle for a soat in the U.S. Senate Enterprising directorial debut by actor Tim Robbins Gate (071-727 4043) MGM Chebras (071-352 5096) MGM Tortembari Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeose: Haymarket (0426 915353) Kentslegton (0426 914666) Scritten on the Hill (071-435 3366) UCI. Whitaleys (071-792 3332)

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

Festival Hell, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm. CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHON CITY OF BIRDANISHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAL Smont Rattle conducts the orchestra in Boules's Notations and Mahier's Symphony No. 3. With land Van Nes, the lates of the CBSO Chorus and school children from Shrewsbury and School children from Shrewsbury and Shrewsbury

Interest with his recent about To Know One, recorded alongside Branford Marsals and Jack Delotinette, the punist plays in London this week. Jazz Café, 15a Parkway, London NW1 (071-284 4358), tonight, tomorrow.

festival of Indian dance, entitled Viva ta Sanskrit word meaning "evolution or "transformation") continues with

unistormation") continues with a double bill featuring the Bombay-based choreographer Astad Debot, who uses, a wide range of both Eastern and Western movement styles, and

Western movement styles, and puppetry master base Pudumpee who will explore the many faces of death in Tanatomorphia

The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), tonight, tomorrow,

LACOB EPSTEIN: This show includes small but significant sculptures and

cornedy, set in a fashion house.

mats Wed, Sat, 2 30pm, 180mms.

Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311) Mon-Sal, 7.30pm.

IQ MEDEA: Diana Rigg gives a cool, distancing interpretation in Europides's

nevence drama. Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-35 4404), Mon-Set, Spm, mat Sat, 4pm.

MUNDER BY MISADVENTURE

Gerald Harper and Witham Gaunt play crime writers who fall out and pit their

wicked with against each other; run-of

the mil tholier. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fn, Spm, Sat, 8 30pm, mats

Wed, 2 30pm, Sat, 5 30pm. 120mins.

da. Almeda Street, N1 (071-359

1907-1935: Though a contemporary, dose Inerst and co-Inventor of Metaphysical Painting with De Chinco, Carra remains far less known outside Italy. He worked expressively in exchange and lithographs throughout his life, and they show him at his most contemporary to the contemporary and they show him at his most contemporary and they show him at his contemporary and they show him at his contemporary. and they show in many minds to continuously inventive, avoiding the monotony of his later paintings. Also an extensive selection of thatwings. Halian Cultural Institute, 39 Belgrade Square, London SW1 (071-235 1461). and Abbots Bromley. Symphony Hall, Broad Street, Birmingham (021-212 3333), 7 m (021-212 3333), 7.30pm JOEY CALDERAZZO: Altracting more

Mon-Fr., 10am-Spm, umii Oct 6 THE BALLAD OF THE LIMEHOUSE RAT: Tim Newton's award-winning performance of his chilling tale of a gaint rat in Victorian dockland begins a nationwide tour in Lecester.
Haymarket Studio, Belgrave Gate, Leicester (0533 539797), tonight-Sal,

among the drawings a hitherto unshown study for his revolutionary sculpture Roof Lift (1913). There are fine examples of his Epping Forest watercolours of the Thirties, and

Boundary Gallery, 98 Boundary Road, London NWS (071-624 1126) Wed-Sat, 11am-6pm, until Oct 17.

CALLO CARRA - GRAPPIC WORKS

CAIN: Four performances of Lord Byron's once-standalous tragedy, with Richard Warweck and Kate O'Mara as Adam and Eve, Samuel West and Robert Portal their fractious offspring. Minerira, Oakland Parks, Chichester (0243 781312), trongint-frt, 8,15pm. Pulicial processing and Smort 1931
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Pulicial processing of Staged with Maureen Lipman and Rosemary Harris heading the cast. Its pre-London tour begins in Guildford. yvonne Arnaud, Milibrook, Guildford (D483 60191), opens torright, 7.45pm.

867 1115), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm 120mms. THEATRE GUIDE

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATIONS Stockard Channing as the nch New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play on instrumentations. Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London human inter-dependence. Commidy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-667 1045) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mass Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 90mins. House full, returns only
Some sees available
C) Seats at all prices

D SOMEONE WHO'LL WATCH OVER ME: Excellent playing by Alec McCowen, Lames McDaniel and Supplier Rea as Berut hostiages in Frenk McGunness's new play. Yaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-336 9387). Mon-Sat, Born, mals, Wed, 2 30pm, Sat, Apm. 140mms. In THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III.

Nigel Hawthorne is very fine as the sindlen lung in Alan Bennett's. intriguing, slightly puzzling play National (Lythelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonight, tomorrow, THE MADRAS HOUSE: Roger Afam heads a strong cast in Granville Barker's proto-ferminist, senous

A WOMAN SOLLED WITH KINDNESS: Michael Maloney and Saska Reeves in an Elizabethan domestic tragedy packed with trilling The Pit, Barbigan Centre, S& Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight, pomorrow, 7.15pm. 180mms A WIDMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE Philip Provise's triumphant RSC production. John Carlisle as a callous anstocrat in Wilde's social melodrama laced with with his provisional Hammarket SACI 607

laced with wit. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, 185mms. LONG RUHNERS: U Glood Bustons Phoenu (071-867 1044) . U Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) Victoria Rálace (071-434 (317)

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Shafterbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025).

BURGE (15) Friendship and volence among ghetto youths. Superior sample of the new black onema, directed by Spike Lee's camerariant, Emest R. Dickerson Omar Epps, Tupac Shalus. MGM Parton Street (071-930 6631) MGM Trocadero (071-934 0031).

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◆ LETHAL WEARON 3 (15): Rousing comedy and maybem with LA cops Riggs and Murtaugh, Mel Gibson, Clamy Glover, Joe Pesot clinicity, Richard Dorner MAUN Follows Rud (071-370 1535) MIGM Portion Rud (071-339 1527) MIGM Oxford Street (071-436 0310) MIGM Trocaders (071-436 0310) Octeon Marbie Arch (0425 914501) UC Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

LOVERS + 18). In France's Spain, Victoral Abril densits her kidger's intended marnage. Excellent talle of mad love, expertly mounted by director from the Armeter.

Vicente Aranda MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366

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Reflections on a marriage

server called them. Newspaper and take-out food in hand, Toronto's rabid moviegoers queued down the stairs, out the door and round the block for an hour or more to get into the film of their choice. Maybe they fancied hothouse blooms such as Mark Rappaport's Rock Hudson's Home Movies, or the pure mountain air of Robert Redford's A River Runs Through It: or perhaps they were chasing the cream of Canada, Europe, Asia and Iran. In all, 335 films tumbled over each other at the downtown cinemas during Toronto's 17th celluloid orgy, the Festival of Festivals - the largest such event in

North America. With the world premiere of Woody Allen's remarkable Hushands and Wives, the vampires found a feast. At this juncture in his private life, any new Allen film would be raked over by armchair Freuds, Husbands, however, positively encourages us to see art

reflecting life. "Do you think that we'd ever break un?" Mia Farrow asks Allen early on, faced with the marriage collapse of their best friends Judy Davis and Sydney Pollack, By the end, every member of this cosy Manhattan group has changed partners, sometimes. twice; and Allen, a teacher, has toyed with the affections of a 20-year-old student Utiliette Lewis, who gives the film's only unsatisfactory performance). "Women get to a certain age," Davis says, "and then men want a newer model." Dialogue of that kind naturally got the pens scribbling furi-

ously at the press show. But the film's strength and fascination goes far beyond parallels with tabloid headlines. The camera lurches with a rare hand-held frenzy: in case projectionists think their print is at fault. Alien has gone to the trouble of sticking an explanatory note on the film cans. The effect at times is overdone, but it certainly hurls us into the characters' maelstrom. Straddling a tightrope between comedy and drama, jangling with exposed nerves. Husbands and Wives is Allen's best film in years. Britain's vampires must

wait until next month. Nothing jangles in A River Runs Through It, unless it is your loose change as you wait for something to happen. Redford's source is an autobiographical recollection by Norman Maclean of his Montana childhood. when a reverence for fly fishing seemed the only bond between himself, his tearsway younger brother and a flinty Presbyterian father. In the words of Redford's narrator, "It was a world with dew on it."

muscle: the family grows apart, and the younger brother (given a charismatic performance from Brad Pitt) selfdestructs. But there is still precious little to jolt the film out of its beautiful.

If America dominated the gala screenings, the rest of the world put up a vigorous fight, Britain included. Neil Jordan's The Crying Game brought surprise and pleasure, especially to anyone who winced at the director's last films. With its bemused hero and bewitching black heroine, his new

THE Sunday Sport - purveyor of

improbable anatomies and even less

credible tales of prodigious rumpy

pumpy - may not be the preferred

reading of the middle classes. Its

proprietor, David Sullivan, has associ-

ations with the tawdry world of inflatable dolls, 0898 sex-lines and

soft-porn magazines, albeit ones where

the cover usually promises more titilla-

tion than the contents deliver.

All this probably disqualifies him from featuring in the New Year Honours List, although you never can

tell. And the way he exploited the suicide of his girlfriend, the "porn

queen" Mary Millington - by making

a film of her life and death, realistic to

the extent of having an actress lying in

a coffin - will not win him any prizes

Action attack on Sullivan seemed more

like a whinge from some moral

Nevertheless, last night's World in

Geoff Brown picks the best from the largest film festival in North America, with new offerings by

Woody Allen, Robert Redford and Kenneth Branagh



Mia Farrow and Liam Neeson in Husbands and Wives: "Straddling a tightrope between between comedy and drama, jangling with exposed nerves", it is probably Woody Allen's "best film in years"

work most directly recalls Mona Lisa. Stephen Rea is his droll, impressive self as a dogged IRA man driven to look up the London girlfriend of a British soldier (Forest Whitaker) killed during a botched kidnapping. Jordan's grip loosens past the half-way point. when the plot takes a flabbergasting twist, but enough disturbing atmosphere and sharp wit remains to make us hopeful again of the director's future.

Then there was Kenneth Branagh and Peter's Friends. Ever restless for new challenges, the master cook of Henry V and Dead Again has now dished up a most curious meal: part Simon Gray, part The Big Chill, part brittle American sitcom. Peter's friends are university chums who gather rampaging lunacy. Where else could together, ten years after graduation, to you see characters warped by strange

celebrate the coming of the New Year. You can probably guess the itinerary: laughter, tears, the squeaking of bed springs, hurtful home truths. The wisecracking tone comes as more of a surprise (the script, by comedienne Rita Rudner and Martin Bergman, is

Now a British resident. Rudner joins up with a talented local cast (Emma Thompson, Stephen Fry, Imelda Staunton and such), though the writing is too shallow to allow anyone to make these characters worth caring about. Branagh himself gives a lazy performance as self-loathing playwright gone Hollywood.

Among Canada's contingent, none could match Guy Maddin's Careful for

desires attending "butler school" in an Alpine village — a set constructed inside a disused Winnipeg grain elevator? The eccentric Maddin gathers followers by the hour, the latest is Martin Scorsese. ~

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He bases his style on silent cinema pastiche, though now he seems edging towards the Dawn of Sound. The soundtrack comes with a deliberate crackle, as if this were some primitive talkie. Riotously tinted images suggest a fusion of German Expressionism and Monty Python. This is the work of a true original, with celluloid in his very veins, though he gets into trouble by spinning out the madness to feature

ngth. Two of Maddin's actors, Gosia length. Dobrolowska and the Australian director Paul Cox, reappear in saner surroundings in Cox's own The Nun and the Bandit. Too sane, perhaps: from the director of Golden Braid we expect something quirkier than a bald outback struggle between the flesh and

the spirit_ Poetic flashes persist, but Cox seems unusually tethered to his source (a novel by E. L. Grant Watson), and lets too many banalities creep in. There are even two repetitions of the hoary line "Why are you telling me this?".

obody dares ask such a question in 1P5: L'île aux pachydermes, the latest ex-Jacques Beineix. A lucid narrative is never his concern. Here he flings together a graffiti artist, an 11-year-old sprite, and an old man with a heart condition journeying through France. trying to locate the title island (a symbol

for whatever you fancy).
This is the usual inflated Beineix twaddle, but his striking camera eye forces our attention; he also manages to inject a little more tenderness than usual. Among the cast, Sekkou Sali delights as the young rapping wonder Jockey. Yves Montand, who died shortly afterwards, is touching as an old man with plenty of kick left, though the physically demanding production could hardly have eased his last days. In case you want to know, "IP" in the title refers to "lie aux pachydermes": the five denotes Beineix's fifth film.

As with every festival worth its salt. new directors battled for attention. Anthony Drazan's inter-racial love story Zebrahead arrived in town with a big publicity, though the American film that got people talking was Quentin Tarantino's Reservoir Dogs. a beautifully written, ferociously dever and powerful variation on the old theme of thieves falling out, first seen at

Then from the rubble of the Soviet Union, Aleksandr Rogoschkin came forth with The Chekist, a relentless account of the Red Army's reign of terror in the nervous years after 1917; few recent films can have hired so many actors to play naked corpses. And few films can have called for so much pale blue as Hong Kong director Clara Law's Antunn Moon, a quizzical tale of shifting cultures and hesitant young love. Its plotting could be sturdier, but Clara Law's visual sense and feeling for character carried the film to victory. Another full meal for the Toronto vamoires.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Sleaze under scrutiny

crusader than a serious investigation by ITV's current-affairs flagship. The proWorld in Action ITV

gramme, subtitled "David Sullivan: The Sultan of Sleaze", sought to establish that Sullivan, far from renouncing the soft-porn business, is still excited by the dosh to be made from offering stapled belly-buttons to the dirty-mac brigade.

Another daim was that Sullivan, in his heyday, was not averse to hood-winking the gullible. For instance, he would advertise that he had pictures of "women and animals" for sale. Hundreds of idiots would send in their postal orders, in the expectation of

getting hold of something in the premier league of bestiality. Instead,

they would be mailed photographs of. say, a women's tennis match and the Cruft's Dog Show. To the humourless World in Action investigators, this rather witty wheeze for depriving perverts of their pleasures was regarded as clear evidence that Sullivan "made money by conning his customers".

Sullivan is apparently about to relaunch his News and Echo as a national "family" Sunday newspaper. World in Action's thesis seemed to be that to allow into your home a family

paper produced by this man is about as commendable as mixing rat-poison into your kiddies' milkshakes.

I wish I shared this wonderful moral certainty. But even those with a hazy grasp of newspaper history will know that quite good family newspapers have been owned by proprietors whose moral turpitude far exceeded anything chronicled in the Sunday Sport.

Conversely, if you want really depraved writing, you can turn to dozens of acclaimed modern novels, disserainated by eminently respectable publishers and written by authors who are showered with literary prizes. It is the prerogative of middle-class snobs to lête them, while deriding Sullivan's brand of publishing as "sleaze". But an investigative programme of World in Action's reputation should direct its artillery at less easy targets.

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ARTS BRIEF

Skip lunch and stop messing about

Keith Waterhouse, novelist, playwright and columnist, talks to Peter Barnard about Billy Liar, now on a national tour

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one of the questions I wish to put to Keith Waterhouse. There is another question. about lunch itself, but I am thinking of witholding it. After all, I have been summoned to see Waterhouse at the Groucho Club in Soho at 4pm which is not, by any stretch of the expense account, lunchtime. So which lunch engagement has taken precedence over that offered by The Times? What feast is there at which a Times accountant might balk? "A sandwich in the stalls." A

sandwich? In the stalls? The man who lists lunch as his sole recreation in Who's Who, the man who has written a book on lunch, practice thereof, eats sandwiches in the stalls? Gerraway.

ever. It transpires that they are rehearsing at the Strand Theatre the stage version of his 1988 book, Our Song, which is to star Peter O'Toole. O'Toole will not rehearse in draughty halls, only in real theatres, draughty or other-wise. So there they all were, at the Strand, eating sandwiches between

Now we are all here, at the Groucho, drinking champagne (Waterhouse) and white wine (me). Ostensible purpose, nominal peg: the opening in Oxford tonight of a National Theatre touring version of Billy Liar, the book - later the musical and the film - that made Waterhouse's name in 1959. So I had better ask him something about that, for appearances sake.

The photographer arrives, dressed overall in Canon. We think we might as well get the photoraphs over with. Seated at the next table is Jeffrey Bernard looking as,

s there life after lunch? This is um, well as can be expected. Waterhouse wrote Jeffrey Bernard Is Unwell, which also starred Peter O Toole so a photograph with Bernard is suggested. Waterhouse kindly approaches Bernard, who kindly agrees. They disappear with the photographer. Bernard returns to his table

companion, who is Sue Townsend of Adrian Mole and, now, The Queen and I. The place is starting to resemble Plug City. Waterhouse has been pinned in a distant corner by the photographer, who has found some light. Ber-

nard says to me: First thing I do every Saturday, read your col-umn. The Times is the only paper I have delivered." All right, he may not have said all of that, or exactly that. But happily Waterhappily

house, almost dapper blazer and light flannels, heaves once more into view just as Bernard has unwittingly reminded me of that half-formed question. Do you think there is something of the Billy Liar in all of us?"

Waterhouse thinks there probably "There is a tendency to fantasise, not so much to lie in any deliberate, calculated way, but to daydream. People say, 'I want to be a famous writer, but I can't write'. So they fantasise and it spills over, it becomes 'I've got a book of short stories coming out." When Billy Liar came out, the

title, if not the theme, had already been through several incarnations. This ground-breaking novel of English adolescence began as 10,000 words with the "extremely pretentious" title The Young Man's Magnificat which "thank God, I left in a cab" says Waterhouse, evidently relieved not to have it returned. "So



Waterhouse, 62 years old, lists hunch as his sole recreation in Who's Who and has written a book on the theory and practice of lunch

then, having promised I was going to do this novel I had to stop mucking about and really write." The result was to be called Saturday Night at the Roxy but Waterhouse read that "somebody called Sillitoe" was bringing out a book called Saturday Night and Sunday Morning. Thus was born Billy Liar, "a far bener title".

Waterhouse, who is now aged 62, has been writing away ever since. He is, as they say, prolific. He works for four hours every morning and then goes to lunch, which is followed by "messing-about time". He says that as a self-employed writer, he finds that after four hours "self-pity sets in and the work starts going downhill fast". This I can vouch for.

Yet he has produced umpteen books, plays and television series, almost all of this output marked by the easy style that only hard labour can produce and by the wit that informs so much genuine insight.

is biggest single audience is certainly for his journalism, which app-Daily Mall. He was with the Mirror for 16 years until 1986, when his defection became the subject of intense speculation in Medialand. The truth is straightforward enough. "It was Captain Bob [Maxwell. I felt his presence looming. It

was quite clear that he was going to

interfere with the column so I

decided to look around, give auditions

"I had lunch with Maxwell when he took over the Mirror and he brought with him some excessively boring material about trade union vote fixing which I politely suggest-ed be send to Woodrow Wyatt. It wasn't my kind of turn. I said look, what you bought when you bought the paper included me. It's as if you're the owner of the Palladium and you've got this act, this juggling act, and you don't want the juggling act suddenly to be a tenor or a unicyclist. If the Pailadium doesn't like your act you don't change your act, you go to the Coliseum.

Maxwell, famed for his malapropisms ("Jerusalem wasn't built in a day") would boom this theatrical analogy back at Waterhouse whenever they met subsequently, but always got the theatres wrong.

So Waterhouse went to lunch with Sir David English (a clever bugger") then editor of the Mail. The juggler had found his Coliseum, and graces it still. Waterhouse still has plenty to say, in his column and through his plays and even, no doubt, to the likes of me. We really

Billy Lias is at the Oxford Playhouse fron tonight until Saturday, and thereafter at Chichester, Tunbridge Wells, Dublin Festival, Canterbury, Brighton, Man-chester, Coventry, Burton upon Trent, Cardiff, Glasgow, Belfast, Festival, Colc-raine, Taunton and Whitley Bay.

Pride or profit?

FILM director Spike Lee has proposed that blacks throughout America should miss work or school to attend the nationwide opening of his film Malcolm X on November 20. His non-admirers point out that since he is expecting these supporters to be paying customers, ideological and commercial motives may be somewhat mixed. As we go to press, Lee and his producers solved their differences as to whether the final, released version will retain an opening title-sequence which shows the burning of the American flag,

Levine in London JAMES LEVINE, conductor

of the New York Metropolitan Opera, and arguably the most powerful individual in American musical life, is returning to the London concert platform for the first time in 17 years He conducts the Vienna Philharmonic at the Festival Hall on December 2: the first of three Festival Hall concerts by Georg Solti conducts the orchestra on February 8, and Riccardo Muti on May 30.

Volunteers

ENGLISH National Opera's new marketing campaign ("Everyone Needs Opera" hence ENO), is about to spread from tube station posters into the less conventional arena of cinema advertisements. So determined is the company to beat the recession which has afflicted so many West End box-offices that the ENO orchestra, conductor (Mark Elder) and soloists Jane Eaglen, Anne-Marie Owens, Richard Van Allan) have agreed not to ask a fee for recording the soundtrack to the ads. The Act I trio from Mozart's Cost fan tutte is the selected piece of enticement.

Last chance . . .

SAM MENDES'S production of Richard III has been acclaimed for Simon Russell Beale's astounding performance in the title-role: loathsome to look at, gleefully sadistic and psychologically acute. Its run at The Other Place, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623) ends on Saturday, then the play sets off on a 12-week national tour, before visiting Rotterdam and Tokyo. In the new year it arrives at the Donmar Warehouse in London, where Mendes is artistic director, and the profuction will open next year's Stratford season at the larger Swan theatre.

OPERA REVIEW: CARDIFF

Called new, but sadly out of date

pera andiences have the reputation of being by far the most conservative of all theatregoers, but even their patience will be tested by David Alden's Elektra for Weish National Opera, now at the New Theatre, Cardiff. This desperately old-fashioned staging is the sort of thing to give conserva-

The show is advertised as being staged by the creators of the Pet Shop Boys' international tour, which seems designed to appeal neither to admirers of the singers in question nor to opera-goers, and the only possible connection is when something rather nasty happens with a hosepipe (off stage, mercifully). Otherwise the decor by Paul Bond (a mysterious new name for, David Fielding) and Charles Edwards is a comprehensive catalogue of every design tic wearily trotted out over the past ten years and more.

Item: the steeply raked stage with a San Andreas fault running through it; the tiled, blood-spattered public lava-tory wall; the single naked light bulb (the publicity promised no nudity): the kitchen chairs, which get thrown about the stage: Chrysothemis a dumb blonde in a Harlow wig (give us a break); ladies stripping down to their slips

best of all the moment when Aegisthus calls for lights, and Elektra hauls on a suburban standard lamp and waves it about at him, though this critical comment on the music at that point.

Similarly with Alden's direction: as the great Ernest Bevin put it, clitch upon clitch upon ditch. The stern, grey-suited wardress (originally a train-bearer) who knocks Klytemnestra about a bit and then gives her a health-restoring injection; the zombie extras rolling round the stage in slow motion (this unfortunately proves catching); the cocktail on a tray; the blood-smearing; the stagger-and-clutch-the-air

Oh dear me, it all seemed so exciting ten years ago, but it really won't do any more. One can only echo Wagner's plea: Kinder, schafft neues."

How sad that so much energy should have been expended on all this passe expressionist junk at the expense of what should be the primary consideration — text. For the most part the standard of German enunciation, especially from the one Germanspeaker in the cast (Eva Maria Bundschuh as Chrysothemis). was simply unacceptable.

Entire long passages em-erged as pure gobbledegook;



Felicity Palmer (left) and Janet Hardy in Elektra

only Felicity Palmer (Kly-temnestra) and Phillip Joli (Orestes) sounded as if they understood what they were singing and managed to convey the meaning to the audience. But I suppose in a production that is about someone's vague impression of Elektra, communication is of marginal importance, if not downright dangerous.

Apart from Palmer's powerfully and intelligently delivered Klytenmestra, the sing-ing was only serviceable. Bundschuh has one or two useful notes at the top, precious little elsewhere and barely a consonant to her name. Her ungainly gasps for breath - sometimes occurring in the middle of a sentence - were distressing. Joll's unsteadiness of delivery was of little help to

Orestes's long legato lines. In the title role, the American soprano Janet Hardy fielded unsparingly metallic tone with a good cutting edge to it; there was little variety of tone-colour or dynamic. One admired her energy and commitment, but little else. In advance, much interest

centred on Carlo Rizzi's first encounter with the score. In the event, his was a conventionally noisy reading, slack in rhythm, unimaginative in the shaping of the musical phrases, clumsy in transition passages. There was some coarse playing, not free of accidents. When less than superlatively conducted. Elektra can be rather wearing, and so it proved on this occasion.

RODNEY MILNES

NEW MUSIC: LONDON

Wiegold's diction was as unclear as her voice seemed

fragile. But these songs, which

the composer conducted him-

self, combined directness with

a distilled elegance, sparse,

overtly and ritually dramatic, was Linoi (1968), for bassett

clarinet (Alan Hacker) and

piano (Catherine Edwards),

while the elegaic An Interrupt-

conducting with Birtwistle.

semble's series last Tuesday.

Equally dark, but more

dark processions both.

niment

Fresh from Britain

fter the absurdity of its first concert's clash with Holliger and Schiff's jamboree next door, the Nash Ensemble's Twentieth Century Music Series, sponsored by IBM, proceeded on in the Purcell Room on Thursday without rivalry, save the small the beginning of the London Philharmonic's South Bank residency. The programme included a world premiere, Jonathan Harvey's Lotuses, for flute (doubling bass flute and piccolo), violin, viola and cello, whose premise was that individual objects are more enlightening than abstractions.
The flavour of this Bud-

dhism-inspired piece is of the orient. Delicate, subtle colours — extremely difficult, I imagine, to execute with such poise as that displayed here predominate. But though Harvey's exquisite objects seem isolated in their own spaces, the work still has a momentum that takes us through its silences.

There is, however, no goal, only lovely whispers on the winds. Harvey has as fine a sensitivity for timbres as any composer working today, not discounting Boulez, whose influence is felt strongly here. It is good to hear him continuing to pursue this path.

The broad church contemporary British music can accommodate just as easily this fragile music as the more muscular kind composed by Colin Matthews. His Three-Part Chaconne (three sections rather than three lines) for string trio and piano left hand, a Nash/IBM commission from 1990, is a powerful, clear study in counterpoints of different colours and musics, culminating in a brilliant dash derived from the piano's opening improvisatory

meanderings.
Both pieces were contained in a sandwich whose outer layers consisted of works composed by Britten at each end of his career — the facile Phantasy, Op 2 (1932), for oboe and string trio, and the cantata Phaedra (1975), for mezzosoprano, strings and percussion. Sally Burgess sang the later work with an intensity worthy of the tragedy; Lionel Friend conducted purposefully. At the concert's heart, meanwhile, was a well-turned reading by Marcia Crayford and Christopher van Kampen

The following evening. the Composers' Ensemble gave more new British music two songs. "Tenebrae" and "Night", by Sir Harrison Birtwistle, no less, which complete a set of three to texts by Paul Celan. (The first, "White and Light". was composed in 1989.) Alas, no texts, and Mary

and cello.



Jonathan Harvey: fine sensitivity for timbres

ed Endless Melody, for oboe (Melinda Maxwell) and piano ROYAL ACADEMY (Edwards again), composed in 1991 in memory of Janet OF ARTS Craxton on the tenth anniveruntil 18 October sary of her death, consisted simply of a lovely melody over a gently sprung accompa-This well designed and executed concert also offered Berio's three Joyce settings. Chamber Music (1953), Morton Feldman's wondrously sta-tic, if relatively brief, Three Clarinets, Cello and Piano (1971), and the touching little Canzona for oboe and ensemble (1982) that Hans Werner Henze used as an interlude in his opera The English Cat. John Woolrich shared the My apologies to both singers for praising Rosa Man-nion instead of Eileen Hulse your payment. Cheques payable to Hot Aindemy of Arts, Flease wate the main for the beautiful performance of Mark Anthony Turnage's CONCESSIONS ...3.40 [] CRILDREN 12-18 yrs £2.00 [] new work, Her Anxiety, in the CHILDREN 8-11 vm £1,00 [first concert of the Nash En-

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Reading between the front lines

Misha Glenny

believes print is best able to explain the reasons behind the Yugoslav conflict

arly one May morning, the crashing of grenades finally gave way to the dawn chorus around the Hotel Ilidza on the outskirts of Sarajevo - even the guns, it seemed on this occasion, had no energy left to fire. Tired and unwashed. I sat drinking coffee with a young Catalan journalist.
Jordi Puyol. It was the first time I had met him. Unlike me, he was full of enthusiasm as he had only recently arrived on what was his first foreign assignment. He was one of the handful of journalists who had decided against joining the mass evacuation from Ilidza. which had been voted on a few hours before. The rest were about to leave for the relative safety of Split on the Dalmatian coast.

A few hours later when I and 30 others were negotiating the treacherous mountain route across westem Hercegovina, Puyol was walking through a quiet district of Surajevo when he was suddenly struck to the ground by the force of sharpnel ripping through his chest. "I've been hit," he said and, unprotected by a flak jacket, he began the last two hours of his life.

The danger which journalists have faced during the wars in Croatia and Bosnia-Hercegovina has almost become a clicke. While I do not condone the killing of 30 colleagues (it would reveal a dis-turbing suicidal tendency if I did), I believe that responsibility for our safety rests with us. Certainly, the organisations we work for can provide us with some protection once we decide to enter a war zone. But that decision to enter or not must be ours alone.

Yet many of those who have made the decision and paid the price were not in a position to appreciate the dangers because of inexperience. Last October, two Japanese journalists were badly injured in what at the time was the wild frontier town of Karlovac. They had just stepped off the plane from Tokyo for their first visit to Europe, and would probably have fared better on Mars.

Knowledge of Yugoslav history and the destructive funaticism of Serbs and Croats at war has not



Casualty of war: Martin Bell, the BBC television correspondent, goes to ground after being hit by shrapnel in Sarajevo last month

proved a reliable guarantee against being hit. But those of us who knew the country before or those who were experienced war correspondents were at least more realistic about what was in store and were able to take extra precautions. Among the foreign journalists killed, the overwhelming majority were on their first assignment in

It was in May 1991, before the war in Croatia had begun in earnest, that my fears about the coming war were confirmed. After a particular unpleasant incident in the eastern Croatian village of Borovo Selo, near Vukovar, Serb irregulars returned the bodies of three Croat policemen to the authorities in nearby Vinkovci. One had had his back flayed; the second had suffered a severed arm; the face of the third had been mutilated beyond recognition. I and most others working in Yugoslavia before the outbreak of the war were

This is not to suggest that when confronted with disembowelled peasants or the shrapnel-ridden bodies of young children I was not nauseated. However, I was not surprised. Some print journalists deserve special praise for their ability to communicate the surreal insanity of the war. The best known are probably Maggie O'Kane and Ed Vulliamy from The Guardian, whose courage and determination

humble the rest of us.

egrettably, the finest re-porting from the Yugoslav war remains hidden from the general public, as it is to be found on the news agencies. Two journalists in particular, Andrej Gustincic from Reuters and Tony Smith from Associated Press, have managed to spring the tight confines of agency style. Their writing skills, which match those of Ms O'Kane and Mr

Vulliamy, are complemented by a deep understanding of Yugoslav traditions and historical patterns which add the crucial dimension missing from most material published in the British press.

It is unfortunate that these days such print journalism is little more than a houry, because television sets the agenda. In Yugoslavia, the horrors transmitted by television clearly identified the Serbs as the main perpetrators of crimes. But while television exposed these crimes, it obscured their origin and the medium thus conflated causes

and symptoms of the struggle. Anti-Serb sentiment in Western Europe and the United States has allowed western policy to develop as an emotive response to the level of violence perpetrated by Serbs and not as a political response to the underlying causes of war in Yugoslavia. An emotive response can only exacerbate a political problem. Although television news plays a

crucial role in bringing stories to public attention, in the case of Yugoslavia it is a medium that cannot explain the reasons behind the conflict.

Over the next few months, several journalists, including myself, will be leaving the front line. Mostly, we can no longer cope with a society we once loved but has now imploded with such violence. This exodus may have little immediate impact on the coverage of the region, but it is worth noting none the less — this is a conflict which more than most needs to be placed in its historical context. If the media fail to do this, they will help fan the flames of Balkan violence.

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Policy needs a package

Bernard

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presentation of policy shape the policy itself? Or, as I heard too many disgruntled senior civil servants complain, how much should the tail wag the dog?

After nearly 25 years spent trying to put the best possible gloss on government policy. I find that the celebrated fictional lawyer, Perry Mason, had the right answer: the question is incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial.

Policy derived solely in response to publicity is likely to be seen for PRESS WATCH tion dressed up as

policy - or as a substitute for it can be embarrassing. Presentation running ahead of policy can be useful, if untidy, as I found during the 1985 sterling crisis when my clumsy briefing provided the Treasury with a policy. Policy in a presentational vacuum often comes a cropper.

There is more than a suspicion, for example, that the Cheshire regiment is being sent to be shot at in Bosnia because of the power of television pictures. After Northern Ireland - not to mention the destruction of the exchange rate mechanism — it is felt that we need a better reason for their deployment than for the European Community to be seen to be doing something. Or take the excruciatingly

cynical photo call by David Mellor, leaning on the garden gate with his in-laws and poor wife and sons after his exposure as an intimate of the awful Miss de Sancha. This was presentation substituting for the only acceptable policy — resignation. But policy formulated without regard for its presentation can, come unstuck, too. Consider the poll tax. Leaving aside its alleged unfairness in requiring the dustman to pay the same as the duke, little attempt was made in England and Wales to show, by specimen revaluations of property, that it could have been the

lesser of two evils. Nor will John Major expect to

ow much should the find praise for last week in the presentational text books. Like some other sterling crises I have known, it was not a pretty sight. Events have a habit of leaving

presentation gasping and revealing a poverty of policy.

The week began ominously with the prime minister cancelling his visit to Expo '92 in Seville because of the weight of work without consulting his pness secretary, Gus O'Donnell. I know the feeling. Do not kill the

Worse was to follow as successive rises in interest rates were announced, and then dropped back to where they started as we crashed out of the ERM.

Since then, the government's attempts to justify its obsession with the mark (by blaming the Germans), its crablike retreat from the ERM without so much as a mea culpa or the ritual

sacrifice of the chancellor, and blundering search for a way forward, have been transparent. The disappearance from view

of a prime minister who has been as accessible to the media as his predecessor was inaccessible served only to confirm the seis-mic value of the earthquake which hit Whitehall. The divorce of policy and presentation - the essential partnership - was manifestly complete as, one after another, ministers contradicted themselves. I have never been more thankful to be an ex-press

Mr Major's urgent task is now to restore confidence in himself and his government. He needs economic policies - and fast which contain inflation, get the economy moving and salvage something European - though not Maastricht - from the debris of a treaty long since wrecked by the Danes.

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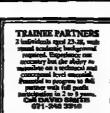
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Inner vision: "virtual reality" machines are the hit of the amusement areades, such as this one at London's Trocadero. But soon they could be on every child's Christmas list

Out of sight – and out of mind?

not be new to parents, but came as a rude surprise to the toy industry. Defined at a recent gathering of the industry as being difficult to please and fast to forsake toys for adult pastimes, the little terror is also proving resistant to ageold selling techniques. At the Toys 2000 conference

in Macclesfield, Cheshire, last Friday, toy manufacturers hoped to find a clue to the mood of the millennium and the marketing strategies that will make sure that our children will be playing with their

🐧 he "tyrant child" may

Not only were they worried by the ravages of the recession. nui by the way c been compressed by a combination of precocity and technology.

"Children have become more like adults partly because adults have become more like children," said Robin Wight, the chairman of WCRS, the advertising agency responsible for Sega's mega-drive upwards in the video games market over the past year. "Repositioning Sega as an adult game was largely responsible for it overtaking Nintendo." Children are so sophis-

ticated (65 per cent of three to four-year-olds apparently recognise the difference between a television commercial and a programme, and know what the commercial is trying to do) that toy advertisements can no longer talk down to them or talk to parents over their heads.

Nor can advertisements any longer be positioned for maximum effect within children's programming. Mr Wight says, "since seven out of the top ten favourite children's pro-

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Tomorrow's children will be even more in the thrall of the silicon chip.

Victoria McKee on the excitement, and dangers, of the toy revolution

like this."

grammes in Britain are 'adult" programmes such as Neighbours and EastEnders." favourite advertisements, he claims, are for Carling Black Label - his own company's work - Coca-Cola, Guinness, Andrex, Anchor butter and Pedigree Chum.

With hindsight, the end of childhood — as the toy market knew it - can be dated to the development of the home computer and video games market. Since then, the manufacturers and retailers at the conference agree, the toy marer screen and will probably be confined to the bedroom. "At a recent meeting of American toy manufacturers it was envisaged that children will be buying 'virtual reality'

will be centred on the comput-

headsets and gloves as the technology becomes cheaper." The British conference contry sees in exploiting "virtual

firmed the potential the indusreality" to tame the tyrant child. Also coming our way, according to Professor Sutton-Smith, who feels that sport will be an increasing area of

'Children will live in a fantasy world of their own, having more contact with video games than with each other'

ket for seven to twelve-yearolds has been steadily declin-

Professor Brian Sutton-Smith of the University of Pennsylvania, who will be speaking on "the future of toys" at a second conference to be staged by the British Toy and Hobby Association next month, feels that expensive electronic toys will lead to increasingly solitary play.

"I think that is going to be the great horror story of the future," he says. "Children will live in a fantasy world of their own, having more and more contact with virtual reality 10ys and video games than with each other. Their play

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involvement for the young, is the "kiddie health spa - the erstwhile television or recreation room - with Nordic tracks, weight-lifting apparatus and other equipment".

But Professor Sutton-Smith believes that many "traditional" toys will survive: "There is already a return to them since there are so few good new toys around." he says.
But even traditional toys are

getting a new twist. David Kremer, a toy inventor (whose firm Seven Towns was reponsible for coming up with the gruesome Boglins), says: "We are working on a baby's rattle that, using microchip technology, makes animal

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Nicholas Young, director of the British Red Cross's UK

operations. So, in an attempt

to make parents feel less

helpless, the Red Cross is

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Parents are likely to find a whole new generation of electronic toys for the new generation of babies, from newborn to 18 months: the only so farunsaturated market.

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than at any time in history, according to the Henley Centre for Forecasting, and those mothers tend to be want to return to part or fulltime work within 14 months of the birth. Bob Tyrrell, of the Henley Centre, believes that such parents are likely to have more money than time and will be anxious about the educational application of toys. Philip Goodall of the Oxfordshire toy chain Pied Pedaller, and also the chairman of the British Association of Toy Retailers, predicts a continual growth in teaching

toys for the very young. Peter Brown, the UK managing director of Tomy, the lapan-based company known for its state-of-the-art electronic toys, confirmed this as his company's master plan for the millennium. "We are working on new technology toys for very much younger children from newborn to six months toys designed specifically to help develop manual dexterity and motor coordination, to help eyes to focus and track. We are developing more electronics for pre-schoolers so that they can play simple

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games with words or music, and the toy can 'grow' with them over the years from 18 months to five." Given the choice between an electronic toy and a traditional one, he daims, "there is no contest the

child will go for the electronic one every time". Tim Willis, the chairman of the BTHA. disagrees. He produces traditional wooden jigsaw puzzles for Mothercare and other outlets, and has watched his business thrive despite the recession.

Mike Moody of Tyco, mak-

er of the Little Mermaid, one of the most popular girls' toy ranges in recent years, says: "Girls are more interested in traditional toys than boys, and don't go for every passing craze. They provide the continuity of the market." Graham Benison, the chair-

man and managing director of Mattel UK, thinks there will be a market for the new generation of talking traditional toys, as his company's Teen Talk Barbie, with a well-modulated, not monotonous" voice is already proving in America. British parents will not be immune: the doll is due here just before Christmas, priced at about £20.

Handwriting is on the wall

raphologists say that it betrays every aspect of your personality. Not merely whether you are neatly organised or creatively ramshackle, but if you are neurotic or well-rounded, short-tempered or possess hidden mathematical talent. Some claim that from a sample of script they can distinguish between pop stars, prime ministers and murderers. Corporate employers, too,

are now asking for a sample of handwriting to accompany job applications. While you are desperately inventing some original diversions to put in the section called "Hobbies" — fell walking. I rish literature, underwater photography they can analyse the inner you. Half-formed vowels likely to knock off stationery: back-sloping scrawl — pos-sible backslider, angular italic - efficient, but lacking interpersonal skills: forward-thrusting flourishes destined for a place on the

I have always regarded this science with scepticism. I used to think that your handwriting reveals only who taught you to write. Now I believe that it reveals one thing - your age. If you can do it at all - decent joined-up writing - you must be over 30. Or perhaps under eight. Appalled by my 11-year-

old's handwriting, I sneaked a look at his class-mates' exercise books last open day. His was not the worst. Children of his age don't seem to have had the lessons. Well, not the same lessons that we had. From nursery onwards, they gain the impression that it is more important to get something down on paper than whether anyone else can read it.

After years of fingerpainting and freehand, the moving finger of educational change having writ, has moved back to rewrite the rules. Revisionist thinking introduced "handwriting as a required target of attainment within the national curriculum. "Pupils should be taught the conventional ways of forming lener shapes, lower case and capitals, through purpose-ful, guided practice in order



Davina Lloyd

to foster a comfortable and legible handwriting style," The reason for my son's arachnoid scratchings may well be that his age group has spidered along just ahead of the national curriculum requirement. His sister, though four years younger, has a liner grasp of the pen and penmanship.

However, I am afraid that it may be too late. Like the rest of their generation, my children regard handwriting as some lost, anachronistic art, like whinling or darning socks. When he was first learning to form letters, my son was prone to writing "e" backwards. I pointed this out to him as constructively as I could, but he responded with unanswerable logic if you know it's supposed to be an "e", why does it matter!

were right; they IVI warned us that using anything but a Ouink-filled fountain pen would ruin your writing. By the time they get round to real writing, our children will have had a glorious range of scribbling sticks to make their mark on the world. Brilliant non-toxic crayons designed to fit the chubby infant fist; pens that write in two or more hues: luminous magic markers. If you can create such beautiful effects with a sweep or squiggle, who cares if your "e" faces the wrong way? The Pentel is mightier than the word.

As dictaphones saw off shorthand as an essential skill for secretarial employment, I suspect that new technology will see out manual forms of calligraphy. For the antiquated species of scribes and scriveners, the handwriting is on the wall.



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Otherwise the city is a sprawling giant, covering 400 square miles. It is a great industrial centre, with the



A big hand from the stars biggest of them all. Step forward, Hollywood! But Holhywood is now, sad to say, a rather sleazy area. However, you can go on tours of the former houses of great movie stars, and outside Mann's Chinese Theatre on Hollywood Boulevard you can see their hand and footprints. Sunset and Santa Monica FINALLY, it's official: work-Boulevards are where the ening mothers are stressed, actertainment moguls and lawyers eat, and Beverly Hills, to

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conding to a survey carried out by Gallup for She magazine. Of the 1,000 working mothers surveyed, all in their twenties to forties, 65 per cent considered their lives stressful. How do they combat it? For 67 per cent a hot bath is the preferred method of relaxation, while 50 per cent turn to exercise. The third most-successful form of stress release is shopping. Sex is at the bottom of the list.

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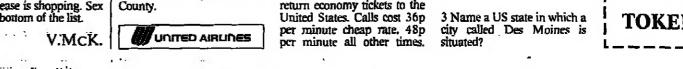
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MANAGEMENT

BBC under a microscope

Michael Starks

outlines a strategy to bring profound change in public

broadcasting

talking at a CBI management confer-ence about the radical change at the BBC, termed Producer Choice, to which Michael Grade drew the nation's attention last month in his Edinburgh television lec-ture. I was glad he mentioned the subject, even though 1 disagreed with most of his observations, and I am pleased, too, that interest now reaches beyond broadcasting circles into the wider management world.

Producer Choice is a bold scheme to harness market forces to public service purposes. It should help to sharpen and strengthen the fundamental public service character of the BBC, but, at the same time, it challenges custom and

It will remove public funding from under-utilised plant, from an excess of dispersed properties, and from low priority overheads and put it into programmes instead. Those who regarded a chunk of the licence fee as theirs almost by right will be funded in future only if they are contributing to the BBC's public service purposes in the most effective and efficient way. Not only will they be accountable for this, but their quality and costs will be compared with outside

For programme-makers, whether producers or their craft and technical colleagues. Producer Choice means concentrating resources on what they do best - putting good work on the screen and on the air. It will give them new



The face of change: Michael Starks says Producer Choice will sharpen and strengthen the character of the BBC

responsibilities, for managing the full costs of their activities. But, for those who run a building the BBC no longer requires, provide a tier of management which could be abolished or staff a support service which will be used less in future now that its full costs are known, Producer Choice is uncomfortable. The BBC is reducing in size.

Producer Choice will begin throughout all the BBC's domestic services - television. radio, regional broadcasting and news and current affairs - next April, after an 18month period of preparation. It remains a tight timetable. My job is both to stick to it and to make sure that the change happens as smoothly as

The main outline of the new system is straightforward. In future, on a rolling annual basis, each of the BBC's television and radio channels will propose a programme strategy in line with the BBC's public service remit, specifying the

range and mix of programme types it intends to broadcast. The remit will, of course, be publicly debated in the context of the BBC's charter renewal. Given the remit, programme

strategy is the management tool that starts to turn editorial purpose into programmes. Each channel will then receive its funding. If independent producers can make the same types of programmes to the same high quality at a lower price, this will limit the

he channel controllers will then commission grammes, and accept offers, both from BBC programme-makers and from independent producers (who have a 25 per cent quota in television under government policy). Programmes will be funded at a full cost and the programme-makers will buy

their operational and support

services from inside and out-

side the BBC.

The corporation will, however, continue to make most of its own programmes. In nearly all areas, the in-house operations will retain a dominant role within a mixed economy. But they will do so on merit, not through protec-

We aim to make sure that the in-house operations are competitive before the competition starts in April:

 By shedding under-utilised capacity, following systematic studies in television, news and current affairs, and, most recently, radio;

 By making a substantial reduction in overhead costs, following a review whose main work has been completed this

 By further reducing the property portfolio; By business planning, comparing internal and external prices, and matching in-house resource costs to the purchas-

ing intentions of our pro-◆ The author is the BBC's project director, Producer Choice. oramme-makers: By undertaking a major

training programme for 2,000 staff in new skills and responsibilities, and by retaining our training commitment for the future.

I am frequently asked why the BBC has embarked on Producer Choice before the main public and political debate about the renewal of its charter. That debate should be about the BBC's public service programmes purposes, and why they justify public funding. It will focus on the BBC's programme remit after 1996.

However, the BBC must have the management means of translating its purposes into high quality programmes. And, there is the tricky question of the BBC's size. It is not enough to say that we will do something about it after 1996. Nor is there a magic head-

count target. The right size is what is needed to do the job effectively and efficiently. Producer Choice is designed to find it.

Head hunting at the top schools

PR and marketing assume a bigger role as more

leading jobs in education fall vacant

rtainly the job description has changed." says Elizabeth Diggory, the headmistress of St Albans' High School and president of the Girls' Schools Association, commenting on the new breed of headmasters and headmistresses who have emerged over the last 20 years. "Although heads have always had responsibility for their own budgets, now they spend much more time managing, and fewer and fewer of us do very much teaching."

turely has been a breakdown in the parent-head relationship. Miss Diggory sees the public relations side

of the job as critical.

Dr Arthur Hearnden, the general secretary of the Inde-pendent School's Joint Council, thinks the job of head has "intensified rather than changed. The pressures are greater than they were. Marketing is beginning to play a much bigger role, and the most effective marketing is still by word of mouth." This means happy and successful pupils, and satisfied parents. The result is a stronger drive to increase quality, and a more exacting iob for the head.

They need to be financially literate," he says.

remains the essential ability to relate well with children and colleagues.

In spite of the undisputed challenges of the job, however. Roger Griffiths, membership secretary of the Headmasters Conference and former head of Hurst-

Elizabeth Diggory

ed, begin to feel the need for

a change of direction in their mid-fifties. Simon Langdale

(Shrewsbury). Roger Ellis (Marlborogh) and John

Cook (Epsom College) are all

This phenomenon, togeth-

er with the unexpected resig-

nations reported in the press,

is resulting in a surprising

The spotlight has turned on the selection process for

filling these posts. There is a

general criticism that many

governors, being business people themselves, imagine

that they are experts in

number of vacant posts.

examples.

One cause for the recent spate of beads of well-known

Sophisticated management skills are also needed, says David Jewell, the Master of Haileybury and recently chairman of the Head-masters' Conference. "Heads must know about management by objectives, spans of control and so on.

All three agree that above all these new requirements,

selection: and that because they have children, that they know all about schools and education. In addition, Dr Hearnden is aware of some schools whose governors believe that they do not have

pierpoint College, reveals an interesting phenomenon. "Many heads, myself includ-

The result is a slow migration towards enlisting the help of professionals. Diana Ellis, former headmistress of Lavant House, now heads the education practice at management selection consultants, NB Selection. She agrees current practice often leaves much to be desired.

dures adequately.

Ourite often, the secretary to the board, or the bursar, plays a very active role; these people are appointing someone very senior to themselves, and later this can be awkward. Other difficulties arise when governors half consult the staff and then appoint someone completely different. That person never gets the wholehearted approval of their underlings."
Miss Ellis says indepen-

the time necessary to carry out all the selection proce-

dent advisers have the advantage of not being involved in the internal polities, that their appointment shows that the governors do think analytically and that they manage the process professionally, keeping candidates informed.

Mr Jewell, who has himself advised several governing boards, argues that, with the help of a serving or very recently retired head, most boards should be able to manage without professional help, although he process must be carried out with

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UPDATE

Scientists hope that a close-up look at the red planet will help them understand the Earth's weather. Nicholas Booth reports

t the end of this month. NASA will launch its first probe to Mars for 17 years. Known as Mars Observer, it has been delayed by hurricane Andrew, which blew dust into the large vehicle assembly building at Cape Canaveral.

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Ironically, a major purpose of the mission is to make detailed observations of Martian weather, including global dust storms. "Mars Observer will help us answer many of the unknowns in our knowledge about the red planet," says Professor Andrew Ingersoll, of the California Institute of Technology. "It will give us our best ever views of the atmosphere and the surface."

Earlier probes have shown that Mars has weather despite the relative thinness of its atmosphere (the surface pressure is less than a hundredth of our own). Before the space age, telescopic observations had revealed dark markings on the orange-coloured surface. The movement of these darker regions initially suggested vegetation, but now we know they are clouds of dust blown around the surface,

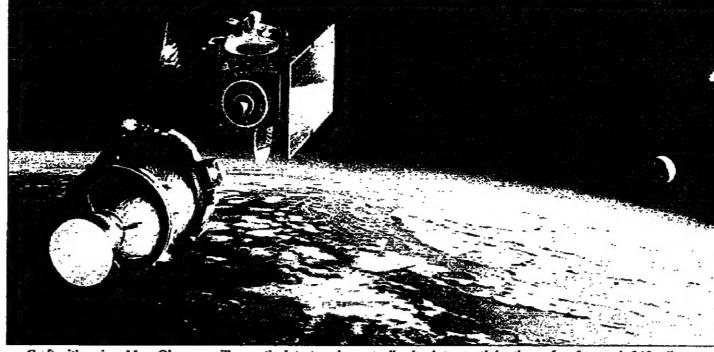
revealing darker rock underneath. Astronomers had also noted that the whole planet could become engulfed in dust storms. When the first probe to orbit Mars, Nasa's Mariner 9, arrived in 1971, it had to wait for months for dust to clear. Mariner 9 mapped the surface in

detail, revealing large volcanoes, a giant rift valley and evidence of the flow of water in earlier epochs. Mariner 9 was followed by the

launch of two Viking spacecraft in the autumn of 1975. They dropped two landers on to the surface, returning the first views of the planet. The landers carried an extensive array of instruments, including an automated meteorological station. The first weather report from another world was returned on the evening of July 20, 1976: "Light winds from the east in the late afternoon, changing to light winds from the south-east after midnight. Maximum winds around 15 miles per hour. Tem-peratures ranged from minus 83C to minus 33C. Pressure steady at 7.7 milibrars.

The Viking landers were able to monitor weather at the surface for more than four years. Each winter, they observed that the atmospheric pressure dropped by as much as a fifth, the result of carbon dioxide freezing at the north pole. They also observed dust storms, which engulfed the whole planet and dimmed the sun.

"We'd like to know what determines whether localised storms will go global," says Professor Ingersoll, Mars Observer will be able to monitor the evolution of dust storms during the mission's two years. Studies of the circulation of the



Craft with a view: Mars Observer will carry the latest equipment, allowing it to scrutinise the surface from only 240 miles up

Mars atmosphere will assist Earth climate studies.

Mars has a day just 40 minutes longer than our own, so it undergoes a similar diurnal range of weather. But it has no oceans, which on Earth complicate our understanding of the circulation of our atmosphere. As the same laws of physics apply on Mars, it presents atmospheric scientists with far simpler arena to test their theories of atmospheric circulation. The most puzzling questions about Mars concern its past climate. Although the atmosphere today is relatively dry, there are times when it holds water in the form of vapour or clouds. And the surface is scarred by channels that seem to have been carved by running water. The atmosphere in the past must have been denser to allow water to flow as a liquid. Mars Observer will help underand where it went by accurately mapping the surface, both visually and by returning spectroscopic

The spacecraft will carry the latest in technology. "The computing power, radio transmission and data-handling capability have im-proved twenty-fold since the early 1970s," says David Evans, the Mars Observer project manager at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. From an orbit only 240 miles above the planet. Mars Observer will use the latest imageenhancing technology.
But scientists will have to wait

almost a year for the first observations. The craft will not reach its destination until next August, and with consummate bad riming the red planet will be in conjunction with the sun. To observers on Earth. Mars will pass behind the sun. Mars, and the first data from Mars Observer will not emerge until the start of 1994. Mars Observer has a radio

transmission system to relay data back to Earth. "We've repeatedly something to interrogate."

tested the relay system and it's working well. Mr Evans says. "Our only hope is that there will be

infected cells suggest is much less toxic than AZT and will stop the virus replicating in macrophages because it needs no add-ons to do its iob. Tests in mice have begun, with encouraging results. S (for Southampton) 221 will not cure Aids because it will not flush

the 368 - which tests on HIV-

while three or four are being tested in clinical trials. If cocktails of such drugs can allow HIV-positive people to live normal or near-normal lives, then a truce with Aids, if not a cure, might be achieved. But the infected person will remain able to infect

HIV out of cells which are already

infected. But several other such

drugs are under development,

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Thinning ozone

THE ozone layer over Antarctica has shown a substantial decrease in the past month, the World Meteorological Organisation has reported. Between mid-August and mid-September, ozone levels were between 30 and 35 per cent lower than the averages recorded between 1957 and 1977, before the ozone hole appeared. The carly decline was due to extremely cold air reaching the lower stratosphere, according to Rumen Bojkov, head of the organisation's Environmental Service.

Meat monitor

SCIENTISTS at the University of the West of England - formerly Bristol Polytechnic - have devised a sensor which could be placed in individual packs of meat in a supermarket and would automatically indicate if the contents have begun to go bad. The sensor, described by Vincent Shiers at a meeting at the Royal Society last week, incorporates dves which are sensitive to the vapours released by meat as it begins to spoil. The dye would be incorporated into the wrapper and would provide more information than date-stamping.

Bee line

THE scent of the queen bee, which determines how the workers behave, has been isolated and patented by two scientists from Simon Fraser University in British Columbia. The queen's mandibular pheromone encourages the worker bees to cluster around the queen, and might be used commercially to encourage bees to pollinate plants. Bees pay about 60 per cent more visits to crops sprayed with the pheromone, the scientists report in American Scientist. The patent has now been licensed to a company in Vancouver, Phero-Tech, which is seeking to produce a synthetic version.

Royal prescription MEDICINE cabinets crowded

with unwanted pills and potions are a national problem that goes to the very top, the magazine Phar-maceutical Marketing has disclosed. When a pharmacist from Ainsworths, the royal family's homeopathic supplier, was summoned recently to Buckingham Palace, he found that the Queen's medicine cabinet contained 60 or so remedies that needed sorting out. He has now received instructions to tidy up the Queen Mother's cabinet at Clarence House.

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Within five years, genetically engineered drugs might allow patients to live with tumours There is no middle road with today's drugs: you either win or lose. But in about five years there could be a third outcome to such battles, a draw or truce, in which the tumour or the virus keeps its conquests but addiscovered why malignant melano-

Cancer spreads as a result of malignant cells breaking loose from a turnour and travelling in the bloodstream to another part of the body, where they settle down, divide and grow into new tumours. The process is called metastasis.

vances no further.

Doctors discovered many years ago that metastasising cells find some organs much more hospitable than others. An example is the spread of malignant melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer, to the liver. Sebastiano Gattoni-Celli, a professor at the New England Medical Centre in Boston in the United States, has

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ma cells grow and divide so fast in the liver, and how to stop them

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Professor Gattoni-Celli has found that malignant melanoma. cells in the liver have receptors on their surfaces which are specifically stimulated by growth factors pro-duced by the liver but not at all, or

in much smaller quantities, by other organs. Stimulus of the receptors causes rapid growth and cell division. But this can be stopped, he has shown, by genetic engineering. He blocked turnour growth using

a gene that stops the the growth messages from getting through to the nuclei of cancer cells. Orders to cells to divide and grow have to come from their nuclei. Drugs are being developed that are based on the substance made by the gene which stops the growth message getting to the nucleus.

Chris McGuiggan, a chemist at Southampton University, has made at least 368 compounds in to freeze other cancers even after they have spread from the original site to other parts of the body. search of one that offers real ad-

Before the end of the century, similar drugs are likely to be developed that could check the progress of HIV, which can lead to Aids. Once HIV has invaded the white blood cells, there is no way of getting the virus out. The virus integrates its own DNA with the cells so that the two are indistinguishable. But ever more potent combinations of drugs now being developed may make it possible to stop the further spread of HIV from

vantages over AZT, the main drug used today to treat Aids. AZT is limited by its toxicity, and by the need for the cells it has to work in to supply it with extra chemical addon groups before it can do its job. Some blood cells, macrophages, cannot do this. They may act as a reservoir from which HIV spreads even though AZT holds it in check

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prepare lamb curry and curried rice salad (r) (5139667) 11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8958087) 11.05
Aussies. The second of a five-part exploration by lack Pizzey of the
Australian way of life (5329808)

12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7940532) 12.05 The Incredible

Machine. A documentary about new camera techniques which make it possible to examine the workings of the human body (r) (2065174) 12.55 Regional News and weather (79360862)

1.00 One O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (53700)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (43911193) 1.50 Going for Gold. Quiz game presented by the affable Henry Kelly (s) (43922209)
2.15 Film: Puzzle (1978) starring James Franciscus and Wendy Hughes.

Routine Australian thriller about a woman who turns to her first husband for help after her second commits suicide, leaving her with an unexpected problem. Directed by Gordon Hessler

3.50 Opposites Attract (r) (s) (8830445) 4.00 The Further Adventures of SuperTed (r) (8732919) 4.15 Potsworth & Co (r) (6282984) 4.35 Hartbeat. Picture making series. (Ceefax) (s) (8519464)

5.00 Newsround (3470984) 5.10 The Village by the Sea. The first of a new six-part drama serial. (Ceefax) (3209716) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (187464). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. (Ceefax) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (667). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Telly Addicts. Television trivia quiz (s) (3071)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (551) 8.00 Citizen Smith. John Sullivan's classic pre-Only Fools and Horses

comedy series starring Robert Lindsay (r). (Ceefax) (2919) 8.30 2 Point 4 Children. Domestic comedy. (Ceefax) (s) (4754) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news



Hard cases; paratroopers face civilian life (9.30pm)

 CHOICE: When the BBC trails a series as "powerful and explosive" you can be sure it includes shots of men kicking each other's heads in. Since the heroes of Lynda La Plante's drama are former paratroopers, folk not noted for settling arguments peacefully, such aggression is much to the fore. The theme is the difficulty these thuggish action men have in adjusting to civilian life. According to La Plante, the choice is going on the dole or a life of crime. It is a strongly written series but an unpleasant one, which does little to promote the goodness of the human spirit. Jason Isaacs, Peter Howitt and Edward O'Connell star as the ex-paras and

Peter O'Toole plays a snarling gangster (Ceelax) (s) (419735)

10.25 Omnibus: Disney — the Fairy-Tale Years.

© CHOICE: Walt Disney without Mickey Mouse is not necessarily Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark. The theme of this study is Disney as a teller of fairy tales, which means concentrating on a few films, notably Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and Sleeping Beauty, and leaving out the rest. The concern is less with the techniques of animation than in assessing how familiar plots were adapted to Disney's belief in traditional American values. Often this meant imposing a happy ending where none existed. The story is brought up to date by noting the studio's return to the fairy tale with Beauty and the Beast, (Ceefax) (s) (315124). Northern Ireland: Dilemmas 11.05 Omnibus 11.55-1.25am Film: Point Blank

11.15 Film: The Elephant Man (1980, bAw). A moving interpretation of the life of John Merrick (John Hurt), the Victorian circus freak who was taken under the wing of a compassionate surgeon. Directed by David Lynch. (Ceefax) (711209) 1.15am Weather (8371656). Ends

2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. (40174). Ends at 2.45

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3.00 News (9054358) 8.15 Writers' Houses Lord David Ceril visits the Hampshire village of Chawston, home of Jane Austen (r) (9077209) 8.30 Play Better

Chawston, home of Jane Austen (r) (9077209) 8.50 May Better Golf with Peter Alliss (r) (58648)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather (34012377) followed by Your and Me (r) (40581700) 2.15 Getting Through. Alma, the widow of broadcaster Ray Moore, talks about how she coped after his death through cancer (r) (40674464) 2.30 Sign Extra: QED — The Battle of the Bottle Snatchers. A documentary about the development of robotic rubbish collectors, adapted for the hearing impaired (r) (700)

3.00 News and weather (4464087) followed by All Our Children. How parents around the world come to terms with children's illness and disability (r) (8492754) 3.50 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8838087)

4.00 Great Journeys: Across the South Pacific. Yachtswoman Dame Naomi James sails from the island of Tonga to remote Easter Island via the Cook and Society islands and Tahiti on a pilgrimage to explore the threatened South Sea paradise, its people and the legacy of the Europeans, from the 18th-century explorers to the nuclear tests of the mid-1960s onwards (r). (Ceefax) (3006)

5.00 Railroad Women. A documentary film history about the women who helped build and operate the railroads of America from the mid-19th century to the present day (4377) 5.30 Film 92 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are Patriot Games and Just Like a Woman. Plus a tribute to the 50-year-

Fathot Games and Just Like a Woman. Plus a tribute to the 50-year-old Casablanca (r) (s) (716)

6,00 Film: Northwest Frontier (1959) starring Kenneth More and Lauren Bacall. Entertaining Boys' Own Paper adventure about a British army officer who rescues a young Hindu prince from a rebellion and escorts him on a perilous train journey to safety. Directed by J. Lee Thompson. (Ceefax) (48017006)

8,10 The Works. Series celebrating the role of engineering in modern

society. This week's programme explores how engineering in incommodely. This week's programme explores how engineers tackle the fail-safe problems. (Ceefax) (177193)

8.30 Floyd on Spaln. Keith Floyd enjoys Andalucian fare, accompanied by guitarist John Williams. (Ceefax) (2396)

9.00 The Mary Whitehouse Experience. Off-beat comedy from David Baddiel, Hugh Dennis, Rob Newman and Steve Punt (r) (s) (2990)



Cost of survival: captive animals in Zimbabwe (9.30pm)

9.30 Natura Special: If the Rains Don't Come.
© CHOICE: Documentaries about the starving of Africa have become sadly familiar but this report by Julian Pettifer breaks new ground. It comes from Zimbabwe, not a country normally associated with drought, and it is as much about animals as human beings Middle little exponentials as film uses the world extensive the production. beings. With little exaggeration the film uses the word catastrophe to describe the effect of years without serious rain on the people, their livestock, wildlife and the land itself. In the biggest animal rescue operation ever attempted, hippo, zebra and buffalo are being rounded up and looked after in captivity. But the cost is high and has to be justified when millions of humans have barely enough to eat. Once the grain basket of southern Africa, Zimbahwe is now dependent on foreign aid, subject to the usual crippling conditions. The African tragedy seems endiess. (Ceefax) (426025)

10.20 Time Passing. A film short about a Norfolk cottage threatened by coastal erosion (647483)

10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (624025) 11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (214342)

11.55 Weather (473358) 12.00 Open University: Understanding Violence (21491). Ends at 12.30am

6.00 TV-am (5427071) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show hosted by the dulcet-toned Danny Baker (6194990) 9.55 Thames News (7671919) 10.00 The Time . . The Place . . Topical discussion series (7938754) 10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Today's edition includes the first of a twice-w eight-minute drama soap about a woman having an affair with a

married man (9664261) 12.10 Playbox. Early-learning programme (r) (5715938) 12.30 Lanchtime News. (Ceefax) Weather (2783667) 1.05 Thames News (69098280)

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7.00 Emmerdale, Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle) (1667)
7.30 Survival: Chimps — So Like Us. A special one-off edition looking at Jane Goodall's 30-year study of chimparzees (919)
8.00 The Bill: Force is Part of the Service. PC Loxton is the subject of a

complaint by a prisoner who accuses him of roughing him up. Loxton believes he used reasonable force when arresting the man.

(Uracle) (1087)

8.30 Men Behaving Badily: How to Dump Your Girffriend.

© CHOICE: A progress report on Simon Nye's flatshare sitcom, now well into its second series, is that a little is being made to go rather a long way. Men Behaving Badily is sustained on two basic jokes. One is that flatmates Gary (Martin Clunes) and Tony (Neil Morrisola) cannot cope with domestic chores. This is the cue for gags along the lines of the more mess you have on the floor, the less need there is to Hoover it. The other is that Gary and Tony cannot cope with girls, though much of their talk is about the promise of sexual conquest, delivered in the language of dirty schoolboys. Tonight's plot has Tony trying to dump girlfriend Pat (Debra Beaumont) in favour of Deborah (Leslie Ash), the blonde from upstairs. Do not expect subtlety. (Oracle) (s) (9822)



In safe hands: Michael Elphick as the private eye (9.00pm)

9.00 Boon: Walkourt. Comedy drama series starring Michael Elphick as a private detective working for a Midlands agency. This week his investigations are nearer to home when something goes missing from the office safe. With David Daker, Neil Morrissey and Saskia

Wickham. (Orade) (8667) 10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (57919) 10.30 Thames News (294483)

10,40 Before Columbus: Conversion. Second of three-part documentary series marking the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's voyage to the New World. (Oracle) (453464) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Risible Australian women-behind-bars

drama serial (669483) 12.30am Video View. The latest releases reviewed (70491)

1.30 The Equalizer. McCall goes to the assistance of a woman threatened by a cop killer. Starring Edward Woodward (r) (49830)
2.30 Donashue. How people cope with sex problems (1902694)
3.20 60 Minutes. American news magazine (2700101)
4.10 The Wightlink Royal Lymington Cup. Yacht racing (10472439)
4.40 Short Story Theatre: Sunshine's on the Way. The story of a teenage girl who wants to be a Jazz trombonist (1260526) 5.30 ITN Morning News (26946). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (5425613)

9.25 Schools (88773071) 12.00 The Munisters (b/w). Vintage comedy about a ghoulish American family (r) (47532) 12.30 Profiles of Nature, A film made by Myrna and Walter Berlet about

the gentle domestic life of the great horned owl, an often savage predator (97025) 1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series (r) (85280)

2.00 Film: Go into Your Dance (1935, b/w) starring Al Joson and Ruby Keeler. Likeable backstage musical about a performer who hits the bottle and becomes dangerously involved with gangsters when he

bottle and becomes dangerously impoved with gargates when he begins his comeback. Directed by Archie Mayo (272174)

3.40 The Three Stooges in Hoi Polloi (LAW) (5067280)

4.00 A Houseful of Plants. Includes a look at contrasting designs for a small patio and terrace space (r). (Teletext) (648)

4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and numbers carrie (s) (532)

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5.00 Crawshaw Paints on Holiday. Alwyn Crawshaw visits the oldest orange grove on Majorca and paints a variety of subjects (9445)
5.30 If Wishes Were Horses. The third of six programmes following the fortunes of a group of children of mixed ability learning to ride. This week, trotting and a visit to the South of England Show (r) (s) (s)

6.00 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a south London barber's. Starring Norman Beaton (r). (Teletext) (s) (975)

-6.30 Roseanne. Wise-cracking domestic comedy series staming Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman (r). (Teletext) (s) (377)
7.00 Channel 4 Niews. (Teletext) Weather (716377)

7.50 Comment (909629) 8.00 Bring Back the Buzzard. A wildlife documentary about the common buzzard, one of Britain's largest birds of prey. (Teletext) Cancer sit

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8.30 Check Out 92. Consumer affairs series. This week Judith Burns asks if the rapid growth of supermarket chains has got out of hand

us Before Christ. Once a committed Christian, now a doubter, A.N. Wilson visits the holy sites and archaeological digs of Israel to find out more about the real Jesus (6209)



Scotsman in the smoke: Robert Carlyle as Stevie (10.00pm)

10.00 Film on Four. Riff-Raff (1990) starring Robert Carlyle and Eme McCourt. Prize-winning comedy by Ken Loach which presents a funny but poignant portrait of life in London for those struggling to sunvive. Stevie, a young Glaswegian, arrives in London looking for building site work. He meets Susan, a pretty young woman with ambitions to be a singer. (Teletext) (321377)

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11.50 Empty Nest. American comedy series starring Richard Mulligan as a widowed medical man living on the Miami coast (970071)

12.20am Goya. The fourth of sox-part Spanish drama series about the life and works of the painter (r). (Teletext) (8566385)

1.20 Film: Black Eyes (1939, b/w) starring Mary Maguire and Otto Kruger. Pleasing tale of a head waiter in pre-revolutionary Russia the rester of heatth of the painter of the part of the painter of th

who makes a lucrative living by eavesdropping on his customers' conversations. Directed by Herbert Brenon (5801472). Ends at 2.35

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lives on the Mediterranean coast (147101) 4.25 The Long Riders (1980): The rise of the Old West gangs (3127491). Ends at 6.00 THE COMEDY CHANNEL ● Via the Astra satelifite 4.00pm Mr Ed (9984) 4.30 Punky Brewster (1296) 5.00 Greenocres (1629) 5.30 The Lucy Show (2648) 6.00 The Burns and Allen Show C2611 6.30 Three's Company (2223) 7,00 Designing Women (4193) 7.30 McHale's Navy (2025) 8.00 The Secret Video Show (7613) 8.30 Might Court (9648) 9.00 Hogan's Heroes (77218) 9.30 The Lucy

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Ross King 4.30 Five Aside 7.15 The Worm Charmers: Adventure story by Nicholas Fisk (2) 7.30

Football Plus: Coca-Colo Cup 10, 10 Earshot, and 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News Sport
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CLASSIC FM

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VARIATIONS

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2.30 Tingle Factor: The film director Ken Russeli is Jeremy Nicholas's guest (s)
3.00 Tuesday Lives, with Joanna Buchan (s) 4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews new novels by Elmone Leonard and Michelle Roberts and A.N. Wilson's biography of Jesus; reports on the revamped Soho Poly Theatre; and visits an eshibition of photographs by African-Americans at the Festival Half (s)
4.45 Short Story: Demanding Maureen, by David Kilby. Read by Louise Beattle
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The House: Fourth episode of a so-part political drama by Christopher Lee (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 File on 4, with Mark Halliey
8.00 High Resolution: Intimate Relations. Chris Arme looks at parasites
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affairs correspondent (s)
8.45 in Touch: Magazine for the
visually handicapped
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight
(s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with
Alexander MacLeod (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Talking
at the Gates, by James

RADIO 3

and arts' stories
9.00 Composer of the Week:
Britten in America. Britten
(Little Sir William; Canadian
Camival, Op 19); Purcell, ed
Britten (The Knotting Song);
Britten (Figh Concepts) Britten (Violin Concerto) 10.00 Brahms and Friends: Ruud O Brahms and Priends: Ruad van der Meer, baritone, with Rudolf Jarsen, plano, sings Brahms (Eine gute, gute Nacht; Mein wundes Herz; Dein blaues Auge, Op 59 Nos 6-8); Joachim (Överture, Henry IV: London PO under Leon Botstein); Brahms (Es Träumte mir; Ach wende diesen Blick; in meiner Nächte Sehnen, Op 57 Nos 3-5; Strahlt zusweilen

mir, Ach wende diesen block, in meiner Nachte Sehnen, Op 57 Nos 3-5; Strahlt zuweilen auch; Die Schnur, die Perl an Perle; Unbewegte laue Luft, Op 57 Nos 6-8]; Johann Strauss, son (Waltz, An der schönen, blauen Donau: Vienna PO Under von Karajan); Schumann (Blondels Lied, Op 53 No 1; Ich wandre nicht, Op 51 No 3; Frühlingsfahrt, Op 45 No 2; Abends am Strand, Op 45 No 3); Brahms (Piano Concerto No 1 in D minor: Clifford Curzon; LSO under George Szell)

12.00 York Early Music Festival 1992: Bruce Dickey, cornet, John Holloway, violin, Susan Sheppard, cello, Nigel North, theorbo, John Toll, harpsichord and organ, perform music by Gusseppe Semini (Sonata a 3, Sonate perform music by Gruseppe Scarini (Sonata a 3, Sonate concertate): Giovanni Paolo

Cima (Sonata a 3, Concerti ecclesastici); Francesco Rognoni Taeggio (Canzon 2, Flores praestantissimorum virorum); Cavalli (Sonata a 3, Musiche sacre); Giovanni Battista Bovicelli (Passagi on "Angelus ad pastores art"); Marco Antonio Ferro (Sonata a 3); Giovanni Battista Suonamente (Sonatz a 3. Libro sesto); Matthias Wedmann (Sonata a 3); Biber (Mystery Sonata No 1 in D minor, The Annunciation); Nicolaus a Kempis (Symphonia a 3); Dario Castello (Sonata a 3, Libro secondo) (r)

1.00pm News 1.05 Ulster Orchestra under John Lubbock performs Glazunov (Summer, The Seasons);

Shosiakovich (Symphony No 9); Medtner (Piano Concerto No 3 in E minor: Nikolai Demidenko) (r) 2.25 Brighton Festival 1992: The Brindisi Quartet performs Fauré (String Quartet in E minor, Op 121); Milhaud (String Quartet No 14)

minor, Op 121); Milhaud
(String Quarter No 14)
3.10 BBC Radio Goes to Town:
The Williams Fairey
Engineering Band and the
Grimethorpe Colliery Band
under Peter Parkes and Frank
Renton perform in a concert
given in June, in the City Hall,
Sheffield
4.30 Bright as Fire: Mike
Westbrook talks about his
arrangements of songs by the
Beatles, and a saxophone
concerto for John Harle

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5.00 in Tune: Michael Olive talks to Michael Tilson Thomas
7.30-12-55am A Britten Evening, with Michael Berkeley
7.35 English Song: Peter Pears, tenor, Benjamin Britten, piano, perform Purcell (A Morning Hymn; I attempt from love's sickness to fly, The Knotting Song), Haydn (She never told her love; Sailor's Song); Ireland (The Land of Lost Content, The Trellis). 8.10 Richard Pasco The Trellis). 8.10 Richard Pasco reads from Christopher Headington's authorised biography of Peter Pears, 8.15 Britten (Winter Words);

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Britten (Winter Words);
Grainger (Bold William Taylor;
Six Dukes went a-fishin'); arr
Britten (The Miller of Dee; The
Fogy Fogy Dew; The Plough
Boy). 9.00 Richard Pasco reads
from Humphrey Carpenter's
new biography of Britten
9.10 Britten and the ECO,
recorded at the Fairfield Halls,
Croydon, in 1964. Purcell, arr
Britten (Chacony in G minor);
Mozart (Per Pieta, non
ricercate, K 420; Symphony
No 40 in G minor, K 550).
10.00 Richard Pasco reads
from Humphrey Carpenter's
biography of Britten. 10.10
Britten (Nocturne, Op 60)
10.45 Night Waves: Tony Palmer
applores the flourishing
biography Industry
11.30 Winterreise: Peter Pears,
tenor, Benjamin Britten, plano,
perform Schubert's song-cycle
12.55am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in
Scotland) las Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.00 Night School Extra

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM 5.35am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought

for the Day 8.43 A Case of Bananas; Learning the Drill

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OCHOICE: Unlucky the listener who, between 8.43 and 9.00 every morning this week, is on the way to work, or already there, or dropping the kiddles off at school or getting The Times too late to read the early radio listings. Tony Slattery is reading from Romaie Knox Mawer's book about his experiences as a judge in the South Pacific. It is inconceivable that arryone else in the serious service of HM Overseas Judiciary could have provoked, or been engulfed by, such an unbroken sequence of hilarious happenings. Recommended to all good judges of books read on radio 9.00 News

9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580
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4444. Lines open from 8am 10.00-10.30 News; The Great River (PM only): Philip Short journeys up the Yangtze River in the wake of the 19th-

century Scottish merchant Archibald Little 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 The Pilgrim's Progress (LW only), by John Bunyan (17/25) 10.30 Woman's Hour discusses Marie Shokes and Josets at Marie Stokes, and looks at pinball machines. Incl 11.00

News 11.30 All in the Mind: Dr Maryon Tysce on the psychological difficulties of romance 12.00 You and Yours 12.25pm Frank Mulr Presents 500 Years of Humorous Prose: The Nature of Things, Including Kingsley Ams, Paul Jennings and James Thurber, and their battles against inarimate objects (s) 12.55

Weather

1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie

1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping

2.00 News; Thirty Minute
Theatre: Answering Back is Connal Orton's first play for

Service (LW only)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Talking at the Gates, by James Campbell, Read by John Branwell (s) (2/10)
11.00 The Trade Rag: Nick Baker goes behind the scenes of Variety, the showbusiness bible (s) (r)
11.30 Larkin's Jazz: Peter Dickinson traces Philip Larkin's interest in jazz through his writing, with examples on record (s) (r)
12.08-12.43am News, and 12.27
Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World Service (13W only)

(Summer, The Seasons); 2.30-3.00 Night School Extra

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